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Same-sex union of Chinese tourists thriving

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The wedding of two Chinese men last Thursday at the Saipan Mayor's Office is the latest proof yet that same-sex marriage ceremonies is indeed booming on the island.

Since 2015 when same-sex marriage was legalized in the U.S. and its protectorates, there has been a significant jump in the number of same-sex marriages on Saipan, majority of which involve Chinese tourists.

The upward trend of same-sex

marriages started out with the Saipan Mayor's Office officiating 12 same-sex marriages in 2015. Half of the same-sex marriage certificates issued that year were Chinese tourists.

In 2016, there was a significant jump in same-sex marriages as 30

marriage licenses were issued, 25 of which were issued to same-sex Chinese couples.

Last Thursday, two couples tied the knot at the Saipan Mayor's Office. Mayor's office wedding coordinator

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The Lyus stand before Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang last Thursday after being pronounced husband and spouse at the Saipan Mayor's Office in Oleai.

Petition wants new crayon named after Saipan's azure waters

For the first time in its 132-year history, Crayola LLC announced it is retiring one of the colors from its 24-pack of crayons and plans to replace it with something "in the blue family."

A group of color-passionate activists in the U.S. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands have

an idea for what that color should be called, and have launched a Change.org petition and fundraising campaign to encourage Crayola to "Make it Saipan Blue!"

"Everyone I've ever given a tour of Saipan says the same thing: 'This is the bluest water I've ever seen!'"

explains author, tour guide, and campaign captain Walt F.J. Goodridge.

"As a tribute to our many shades of blue, I reserved the saipanblue.com domain and toyed with the color idea for a while, but just recently decided to do something with it. So it

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Construction workers housing lacks occupancy certificate

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» **Deplorable unsanitary conditions also reported at renovated factory**

A number of construction workers at Imperial Pacific Resort's ongoing project in Garapan have been housed in a renovated garment factory in Tanapag despite two notices of violation issued by the Department of Public Works.

The citations are for occupying the building without obtaining certificate of occupancy and failing to address deplorable unsanitary and dangerous conditions.

This prompted the CNMI government to

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DPW

A photo of one of the rooms at a renovated garment factory in Tanapag that was used as housing for some construction workers engaged in the building of Imperial Pacific's ongoing casino/resort project in Garapan. The Department of Public Works filed a court action last month against Castle Projects for allowing the workers to occupy the building despite two notices of violation for lack of occupancy certification and deplorable unsanitary and dangerous conditions.

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Trump extends Veterans Choice Program to 2018

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Veterans in the CNMI and others who are living in remote areas would continue getting medical care in their respective places after President Donald Trump extended the Veterans Choice Program.

Trump signed the Veterans Choice Program Improvement Act on Wednesday, April 19, extending the program that gives all veterans the choice to be treated locally rather than traveling to another country or state.

The program was about to end on Aug. 7 this year but was extended to Jan. 31, 2018. Veterans residing in

the CNMI would continue to see their private doctors in the Commonwealth after the program's extension.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (D-MP) said the administration of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs would pay the private healthcare provider of the veterans who are under the program.

"Veterans will no longer be responsible for paying the private provider. The new law makes the Veterans Administration the primary payer. The Act also makes record-sharing between the VA and outside doctors easier," said Sablan.

"The Veterans Choice Program has already expanded

access to care for veterans. Now, the extension gives Congress time to work on more ways to allow veterans to get the help they need outside of the VA system."

He added that the Veterans Affairs Committee at the House of Representatives, where he is among the 10 members from the minority, would continue to work in order to improve more programs and choices for all veterans.

The Senate passed the bill—co-authored by Sens. John McCain (R-Arizona), Jon Tester (D-Montana), Johnny Isakson (R-Georgia), and Jerry Moran (R-Kansas)—on April 3 and the

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Govendo dismissed Corrections officer's case last Oct. 31

Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo dismissed without prejudice on Oct. 31, 2016 the criminal case against the co-defendant of convicted Corrections Officer Ray Anthony Maratita Camacho, according to court records.

Govendo dismissed the case against Corrections Officer Admisen D. Haddy pursuant to an agreement between Haddy and the Office of the Attorney General.

Assistant attorney general Matthew C. Baisley, counsel for the government, filed the motion to dismiss without prejudice on Oct. 27, 2016 pursuant to the prosecution's

agreement with Haddy.

The information charged Haddy and Camacho with assault and battery over the beating of then-inmate Ryan Cavalear at DOC on April 1, 2016.

Dismissed without prejudice means the government may re-open the case in the future.

Last Nov. 2, citing that the case has been resolved, Haddy's counsel, Mark B. Hanson, requested the court to order the release of Haddy's travel documents, the \$600 cash bail posted in the case, and all other conditions,

600 students attends Environmental Expo

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The Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality wrapped up its two-day Environmental Expo recently and was pleased with the outcome after over 600 students attended the event.

The Environmental Expo is an annual event conducted by BECQ to reach out to fourth grade students and to expose them, in their young age, in the preservation of the island's pristine environment.

According Jonathan Arriola, BECQ Wastewater, Earthmoving and Erosion Control manager, the reason that the expo is geared toward fourth graders is because at the age of 9 and 10, students start to digest knowledge and the information can be retained starting at this age.

All public and private schools came out to partake in the expo. It was a wide outreach, as it is every year, said Arriola.

The students were able to get information from all the

including court-appointed third-party custodians.

Haddy testified for the government during the recent bench trial of Camacho.

Last April 18, Govendo, who presided over the trial, found the 37-year-old Camacho guilty as to the charge of assault and battery.

Sentencing will be on June 6, 2017 at 1:30pm.

In announcing his verdict against Camacho, Govendo noted that Haddy, whom he is more convinced hurt Cavalear much more than Camacho did, is still working at DOC. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

sectors of BECQ.

Government agencies that were present at the expo were the Department of Land and Natural Resource, National Resources Conservation Service, and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. All three were there to showcase a few of their programs.

All the agencies that were present at the expo had one goal for all the students that participated. The goal was to share with the students how each department works in preserving the environment and how important it is to keep the environment clean for their health and the health of future generations, according to Arriola.

As of now, the expo has only been done on the island of Saipan. BECQ is in coordination with Rota to expand the expo to the students there. Arriola said BECQ is currently waiting for feedback from Rota regarding the expo. They want to know how many students on the island can attend the expo and when it is most convenient for the expo to be take place.

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AS PARTIES REACH SETTLEMENT DEAL

District Court dismisses suit over 2012 fatal plane crash

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U.S. District Court for the NMI Magistrate Judge Heather L. Kennedy on Friday dismissed with prejudice the lawsuit over a plane crash at the Francisco C. Ada-Saipan International Airport in 2012 in which one passenger was killed and five others, including the pilot, were injured.

Kennedy dismissed the lawsuit after the parties reached a settlement deal.

Dismissed with prejudice means the plaintiffs can no longer re-file the case.

The plaintiffs who sued are passengers—Xiuzhong Zhu, Meilin Zhou, and Xiaohua Zhou—who were injured during the crash. Xing Hong, another passenger who also suffered

serious injuries, has already agreed to settle the matter.

Xiaojie Ge, a representative of passenger Weilian Lu who was killed in the crash and Lu's minor daughter, Y. Ge, is also a plaintiff and already agreed to settle the case.

The plaintiffs sued Marianas Air Transfer Inc., Tinian Transportation Management Solutions Inc., Star Marianas Air, Top Development, and pilot Jai Choi.

Kennedy said the court will retain jurisdiction over the matter to enforce the terms of the settlement agreement between the parties.

The magistrate judge said each party shall bear their own attorneys' fees and costs.

In April 2016, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated Judge Consuelo B. Marshall dismissed with prejudice the four causes of

action—negligence, wrongful death, negligent infliction of emotional distress, and strict liability—filed by the plaintiffs against Marianas Air Transfer and Tinian Transportation Management Solutions.

Marianas Air Transfer is the registered owner of the aircraft involved in the crash, while Tinian Transportation Management performs maintenance on the plane.

Marshall's ruling left five remaining claims—negli-

gence against Star Marianas Air; negligence against Top Development Inc.; wrongful death against Star Marianas Air, Top Development, and Jai Choi; negligent infliction of emotional distress against Star Marianas Air, Top Development, and Choi; and strict liability pursuant to the Montreal Convention against Star Marianas Air.

The parties then reached a settlement agreement.

The parties are attorney Mark B. Hanson, who is

counsel for plaintiffs, and attorneys Timothy H. Bellas and Stephen J. Nutting, who are counsels for Star Marianas Air Inc. and Top Development Inc. respectively.

The seven-passenger Piper PA-32 Cherokee Six crash landed into the trees north of the runway at the airport on Nov. 19, 2012, killing Weilian Lu and injuring pilot Choi and four other passengers. The plane was operated by Star Marianas, chartered by Marianas Air Travel, and

maintained by Tinian Management Solutions, according to court documents.

Last Saturday afternoon or a day after Kennedy dismissed the case, a four-seat Piper PA28-140 Cherokee Cruiser plane of the Marianas Air Transfer experienced an engine problem during a sight-seeing tour of Saipan, but its pilot successfully landed the aircraft on the fairway of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort in Kagman. No one was injured.

Jury trial of ex-DPS deputy chief, co-defendant starts

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The Superior Court jury trial of former Department of Public Safety deputy commissioner Ambrosio T. Ogumoro and his co-defendant, Herman M. Manglona, for corruption charges began yesterday.

Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo started the jury selection. When *Saipan Tribune* left the courtroom at 4pm, the jury selection was still ongoing.

Assistant attorneys general Matthew Baisley and Heather Barcinas are prosecuting the case. Defense attorney Mark B. Hanson is counsel for Ogumoro, while assistant public defender Tillman Clark is counsel for Manglona.

The trial has been postponed several times due to several reasons.

Last December, Govendo set a new trial date after Manglona did not appear as he was in the Philippines at that time to accompany his wife for cervical cancer surgery.

The trial was originally set for March 14, 2016.

A second amended information charged Ogumoro with eight counts relating to theft by deception, misconduct in public office, conspiracy to commit theft by deception, removal of government property, and theft by unlawful taking.

The second amended information also charged Manglona with conspiracy to commit theft by deception and receiving stolen

property.

According to the allegations, Ogumoro brought a 1995 Toyota Tercel that belonged to DPS to a shop to be repaired using DPS funds totaling \$2,500 and then sold the vehicle as "scrap" for only \$50 to Manglona.

Ogumoro also allegedly instructed a DPS staff to bring a DPS desktop computer to a shop for repairs using DPS funding in the amount of \$276. The computer was allegedly later used in the office at True North Bar & Grill, which is owned by Ogumoro.

In January 2016, a Superior Court jury rendered a unanimous verdict finding Ogumoro guilty of conspiracy to commit theft of services, and theft of services pertaining to the same incident of shielding of then-attorney general Edward Buckingham from being served with penal summons in August 2012.

Then-associate judge David A. Wiseman also found Ogumoro guilty of five counts of misconduct in public office, one count of obstructing justice: Interference with a law enforcement officer or witness, and one count of criminal coercion.

On March 30, 2016, Wiseman slapped Ogumoro with a one-year prison sentence. The defendant started serving the prison term on April 13, 2016.

In June 2016, the Department of Corrections, however, granted Ogumoro's request to avail from DOC's work-release program.



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NMI Labor to hunt down parole violators

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The CNMI Department of Labor is confirming reports that Gold Mantis Construction Decoration (CNMI) LLC officials or any of their Saipan-based representatives had allegedly left the island a few days after several of their construction workers held a series of protests.

Wei Yuan, an alleged Gold Mantis official, could no longer be found and reportedly managed to sneak out of Saipan, according to information obtained by *Saipan Tribune*. However, Wei informed Zhou Hui, one of the protesters, that a Gold Mantis executive and their lawyer are expected to arrive on Saipan to settle the issue.

Zhou and 79 of his colleagues protested last week

demanding Gold Mantis to settle their unpaid salaries and overtime wages, send them back home, return their recruitment fee and the money they paid for the uniform.

Zhou last talked to Wei on April 17, the same day where Gold Mantis allegedly promised that they would be paid on April 19. He, however, could also no longer be found by his colleagues and despite having a Saipan number could no longer be contacted.

CNMI Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune* in an email that Gold Mantis' last known office on Capital Hill appears to be abandoned when they visited the site a number of times last week.

DeLeon Guerrero said they would still actively pursue all known principals and/or documented associates/affil-

iates of Gold Mantis so they could answer all the allegations thrown at them.

"[We would pursue them], regardless of the finding of an abandoned office or that of certain representatives have been reported to have departed the CNMI and abandoning the workers," said DeLeon Guerrero.

"The nature of these labor violations are reprehensible and to all that are involved and/or participated in the commission of such an illegal employment activity the CNMI DOL is determined in its pursuit to impose all labor violations committed," she added.

Gold Mantis was among the contractors hired by Imperial Pacific International (CNMI) LLC to help build the Imperial Pacific Resort. MCC International is another contractor and tapped Beilida Overseas

(CNMI) Ltd. as subcontractor.

DeLeon Guerrero said she was about to meet with her staff at Labor's Enforcement Division on April 18 when she was informed that Zhou and his colleagues were holding a protest at the Garapan Basketball Court.

"I quickly postponed the meeting and assembled the CNMI DOL Enforcement unit to proceed to the protest site where we found a total of 46 undocumented workers ranging with claims from unpaid wages, overtime, recovery of placement/recruitment fees, a paid ticket back home, and to have their employer Gold Mantis settle all their claims here before they are sent back home to China."

CBP's next move

The United States Customs

and Border Protection is also coordinating with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the United States Attorney General in a plan of action to deal with the current labor and immigration situation.

CBP program manager and public affairs liaison Frank Falcon, in a separate email to the *Saipan Tribune*, said as of now they consider those who protested as "unlawfully present" since they had already exceeded their authorized stay in the CNMI.

"CBP works closely with Homeland Security Investigations to coordinate appropriate strategies for persons who are unlawfully present. [We are also] working closely with the FBI and the U.S.

[AG] to determine the appropriate next steps."

"[Steps] in order to protect the integrity of the ongoing investigations, assist the U.S. [DoL] negotiating with companies who employed the workers, and to ensure maximum dignity and respect to impacted workers."

He added the Conditional Parole could also be revoked anytime. "Passengers availing themselves of the Conditional Parole have not been admitted (unlike a passenger arriving under a non-immigrant visa) and that parole can be revoked at any time."

"In requesting the Conditional Parole, passengers waive their rights to contest CBP's decision on their application at the border."

SAME-SEX

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dinator Barbara Yamada said this was the sixth and seventh same-sex marriage for the month of April, alone (the number of same sex marriages starting from January has yet to be tabulated). All couples were Chinese tourists.

One of the couples that were officially married last Thursday was the Lyu couple. The Lyus were open to answer a few questions from *Saipan Tribune*.

According to Jial Lyu, he and his new husband are Chi-

nese tourists. They came to Saipan with the sole purpose of being married.

Lyu told *Saipan Tribune* that he and his husband have been together for five years, but because same sex-marriage is not legalized in China, they had to find another way to tie the knot.

According to Lyu, he and his husband stumbled across a video on the internet of two Chinese women who ventured to Saipan and tied the knot. This is what inspired the Lyus to pack up for a trip to Saipan and solemnize their union.

The Lyus set out for Saipan for a week just to arrange their

marriage at the mayor's office. Right after the wedding, Lyu and his husband went back to China.

Lyu shared that their marriage would not be considered valid in their country. It is not legal for a man and another man to be married. Fortunately, there is no law that discourages same-sex couples to get married in another country.

Although their marriage would mean nothing in China, the Lyus don't mind. To them they are legally married and are free to live as husband and husband.

Geographically, Saipan is the closest accessible protec-

torate for same-sex Chinese couples to get married. Chinese tourists can easily enter the Commonwealth without a visa if they are entering as tourists under parole authority.

The mayor's office is open to continue conducting same-sex marriages for tourists if they are willing to pay the amount to obtain an issued license, and to be truthful in filling out the marriage application. The cost of obtaining a marriage license on Saipan is \$50.

According to Saipan Mayor David Apatang, it is his obligation to conduct marriages as long as requirements are met.

PETITION

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was an amazing coincidence when I started researching for ideas and discovered Crayola's plans to replace 'Dandelion!' It's a once-in-a-132-year opportunity and a cool way to launch a campaign to share Saipan's natural beauty with the rest of the world!"

Goodridge, a former civil engineer turned author and "passionpreneur" (passion-centered entrepreneur) relocated to Saipan in 2006, writes freelance for the *Saipan Tribune* and *Marianas Variety* newspapers, has launched several Saipan-specific websites, and has written several books about Saipan's culture, business opportunities, role in World War II and recent history. He has been recognized by a CNMI Senate resolution for these and other "contributions to CNMI society."

He believes that a successful "Make it Saipan Blue: campaign, starting with Northampton County, Pennsylvania-based Crayola, and ultimately persuading even paint manufacturers, car makers, and other companies to offer "Saipan Blue" as a color

option, would get people talking about this little-known U.S. territory's beauty, unique history, culture, and pivotal role (along with Tinian) in bringing World War II to an end.

Such attention, he believes, would result in long-term benefit to the Commonwealth, which suffered the loss of a profitable though controversial garment industry a few years ago. "As the awareness of and interest on Saipan increases," Goodridge explains, "tourism could increase, jobs would return, the economy would improve, and many families' dreams and goals would be achieved. And hopefully, one day petition supporters will take a trip out here and experience Saipan Blue for themselves!"

Crayola has announced it will invite fans to help make the final decision in May 2017. To add your voice to the Change.org petition to tell Crayola to "Make it Saipan Blue," visit <http://www.change.org/p/crayola-make-saipan-blue-the-next-new-color>. Read more about it and why this campaign matters beyond the crayon color naming at www.saipanblue.com. Contact: support@saipanblue.com or 646-481-4238. (PR)

CONSTRUCTION

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ernment, through DPW acting Building Safety official Casiano M. Bostre, to file a court action last month against Castle Projects (CNMI) LLC, which holds a long-term interest in the former garment factory building in Tanapag, according to court documents obtained by *Saipan Tribune*.

At a hearing last March 17, Castle Projects, represented by counsel Michael W. Dotts, admitted that its former management violated the Building Safety Code when individuals were allowed to stay before a certificate of occupancy had been issued.

Castle Projects also admitted that the company had been issued notices of violation on Dec. 5, 2016 and Feb. 22, 2017.

Castle Projects agreed to voluntarily vacate the building by March 20, 2017 at 4pm and promised not to re-occupy the building until it

received a certificate of occupancy.

At the continuation of the hearing last March 20, the parties informed the court that Castle Projects had vacated the building as agreed.

Assistant attorney general Matthew J. Pugh, counsel for Bostre, agreed to withdraw its motion for emergency ex parte temporary restraining order and motion for preliminary injunction in exchange for Castle Projects vacating the building and agreeing to obtain a certificate of occupancy prior to occupying the housing again.

Pursuant to the parties' agreement, Superior Court Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio that same day ordered that Bostre's motions are withdrawn.

In his affidavit in support of the motions, Bostre said that in February 2016, the Commonwealth Zoning Board approved Castle Projects' conditional use permit for the renovation of a structure known as "Building B."

Bostre disclosed that on

Dec. 5, 2016, DPW issued a notice of violation to Castle Projects for violation of the Building Safety Code for failing to comply with electrical inspection requirements and failing to obtain a certificate of occupancy for the building prior to allowing occupation.

He said that on Dec. 15, 2016, DPW returned to the site for a follow-up inspection and then created an inspection report and noted that the as-built design for the project did not comply with the approved plans, incorrect materials were used in construction, revised plans were needed, and additional testing of the plumbing was needed.

Bostre said DPW provided Castle Projects 30 days to correct the deficiencies, but the company failed to do it.

On Feb. 22, 2017, DPW issued a second notice of violation to Castle Projects for same violations and granted the company 10 days to resolve the issues.

Bostre sought the assistance of the Office of the Attorney General in filing the court ac-

tion last March 17 after more than 10 days had passed since the issuance of second notice of violation and the company continues to occupy and use Building B in violation of the Building Safety Code.

The DPW official said Castle Projects' violations of the Building Safety Code present a number of safety hazards to the occupants of the building.

He said in addition to the problem with the electrical and plumbing in the building, DPW observed a wall constructed of concrete blocks at the site that is severely leaning to one side and could fall over at any time.

On more than one occasion, Castle Projects has caused untreated human waste to be discharged upon the site and upon adjacent premises.

Bostre said Building B is maintained in an unsanitary and unsafe manner and the company has not addressed these dangerous conditions.

Bostre submitted in court several photographs depicting these conditions.

TRUMP

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House two days after.

The House passed the bill with amendments, including a provision that makes the VA the primary medical care payer in a private health clinic or outside the VA clinic.

Sablan said the committee also allowed care for non-service connected conditions and the VA to share the health records of veterans with outside care providers, unless the

veteran objects.

The VA was expecting an estimated \$950 million to be left when it was supposed to expire this year. The bill would allow the VA to use the remaining funds for the program even after August 2017 or when it is all spent.

Trump, during the campaign, has promised to help improve the condition of veterans, including overhauling the Department of Veterans Affairs and to finally address other issues.

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Torres signs EMS proclamations

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres signed two proclamations last week in connection with Emergency Management Services. The proclamations declared May 21 to 27 as EMS Week and May 24 as EMS for Children Day.

The signing of both proclamations coincided with the ribbon cutting ceremony of the newly renovated Koblerville Fire Station No. 4.

EMS Week honors the value and the accomplishments made by all EMS providers—career or volunteer—for the countless hours they do in specialized training, continued education in enhancing life-saving skills, and dedicated service to the community.

First responders, emergency medical technicians, paramedics, emergency medical dispatchers, firefighters, police officers, educators, administrators, pre-hospital nurses, emergency nurses, emergency physicians, trained members of the public, and other out of hospital medical care providers compose the EMS system.

The EMS for Children Day, meanwhile, recognizes the tireless work done by the dedicated men and women in improving the quality of pediatric medical care. EMS for Children Day aims to help communities reduce child and youth disability and death due to severe illness or injury.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, center, signs two proclamations in connection with the Emergency Medical Services on Thursday at the Koblerville Fire Station. Also in photo are Priority Care's Kevin Deleon Guerrero, left, Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang, middle, Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, and Department of Fire and EMS commissioner Clyde Norita, right.

The CNMI Department of Fire and EMS last year responded to 806 cases that involved children in the Commonwealth. Nationwide, over 30 million children receive emergency medical care annually either due to an illness or injury.

Firefighter 1 Nipighiyong "Nipi" Laniyo and Devin Jordan Propst each read the proclamations.

Lt. Gov. Victor B. Hocog, Reps. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), Edwin Propst (Ind-Saipan), Joseph Leepan T. Guerrero (R-Saipan), Gregorio Sablan (R-Saipan), John Paul Sablan (R-Saipan), Frank Dela Cruz (R-Saipan), Edmund Villagomez (Ind-Saipan), and Alice Igitol (R-Saipan), DFEMS Commissioner Clyde Norita, Rev. Fr. James Balajadia, Pastor Frederick Fatialofa, and EMS Advisory chair Esther Milne were among the dignitaries that joined Torres on Thursday.



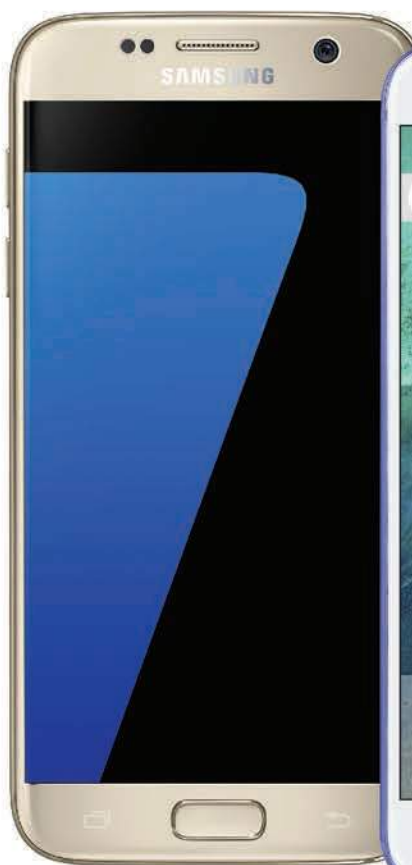
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Docomo gets final regulatory permit for ATISA submarine cable

TAMUNING, Guam— In a significant regulatory milestone, the Army Corps of Engineers has announced its approval of the last remaining major permit needed to begin deployment of Docomo Pacific, Inc.'s ATISA submarine fiber-optic cable system.

Following a comprehensive environmental impact study in which ACE consults with various federal resource agencies, this permit allows Docomo

Pacific to proceed with the marine lay and shore landings for the submarine cable that will connect Guam, Saipan, Rota, and Tinian.

"We are delighted to celebrate this milestone. As the construction of our cable landing stations nears completion, this permit allows us to begin the marine lay portion of our submerged cable, bringing us even closer to deploying a high-performance network

that will connect our students with educators, patients to doctors, researchers to scientists, loved ones to their families and so much more," said Jonathan Kriegel, Docomo Pacific president and chief executive officer.

Expected to be completed in the latter part of June, the ATISA submarine cable system will span approximately 279 kilometers (173 miles) and act as a communications and en-

tertainment gateway, expanding connectivity and capacity between the Marianas.

The ATISA cable system will incorporate six optical fiber pairs, providing two-way data transmission and a minimum design capacity of 4.8 terabits per second on each pair. ATISA will deliver broadband internet speeds up to 100 Mbps, new television entertainment options that include over 200 cable TV

channels, fixed line telephone and an array of innovated enterprise solutions that are cur-

rently offered in Guam to customers in Saipan, Rota, and Tinian. **(Docomo)**

Matson community support tops \$2.5 million in 2016

GUAM—Matson contributed a total of more than \$2.9 million in cash and in-kind donations to charitable organizations and community efforts in the communities it serves in 2016, with more than \$200,000 in services and equipment, going to Guam, Micronesia and South Pacific island organizations.

"Matson is a committed, long-term community partner," said Matt Cox, president and CEO. "Improving the communities we serve is a core value at Matson, and our contributions are directed by local employees, who best know and are involved in their communities."

Last year, Matson supported 75 Guam and Micronesia organizations, and 12 in the South Pacific, providing community resources in human services; youth development/ recreation; community improvement / disaster preparedness; education; cultural and the arts; environmental preservation; agriculture and nutrition; and maritime safety.

In celebration of Matson's 20th anniversary of service to Guam, notable regional grants last year included final payment on a \$100,000 pledge to the University of Guam and payments toward a five-year \$50,000 scholarship program supporting post-secondary scholarships in Guam and Micronesia.

Matson also supported di-

saster preparedness and response activities in Guam, the Northern Marianas and Saipan with significant contributions to local chapters of the American Red Cross.

In addition to Matson's cash donations, major in-kind support included donated or discounted shipping for the Festival of Pacific Arts in Guam and for Cyclone Winston relief in Fiji.

Matson's environmental program, Adahi I

Tano' (caring for the land), marked its fourth year by partnering with 29 Guam organizations – generally sports and student groups – each earning \$500 for weekend cleanups, removing trash and debris from public areas. Since the program began, Adahi I Tano' has benefited 72 different charities.

"We have proudly served Guam and Micronesia for 20 years and remain passionate about protecting and preserving our precious environment and culture. We demonstrate this not only through our involvement in our communities but how we conduct our business throughout the islands," said Bernie Valencia, general manager for Matson.

Detailed information on Matson's 2016 giving, including a list of recipients, is available in Matson Foundation's annual report posted at http://www.matson.com/foundation/pdf/matfdn_manifest_2016.pdf. **(PR)**

» Guam and Pacific islands receive \$200,000

NMC CREES Field Day today



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

NMC CREES is inviting farmers and interested community members to its Field Day event to learn about pest management, fertilizer application, drip irrigation, and high tunnel productions. The Field Day will be on Tuesday, April 25, 2017.

agents will be sharing.

Those interested in attending the Field Day can

attend two separate sessions on April 25, 2017. The first session will be from 9am to

11am and the second session will be from 1pm to 3pm.

For more information, please contact the NMC CREES office by calling 237-6840 or contact Solly Takai Nakamura at 789-1017 or Arnold Route at 788-7724. **(NMC)**

EEO program responsibilities to be discussed at SHRM meeting

The Society for Human Resource Management NMI Chapter is pleased to have its former chapter president and HR consultant Frank L. Gibson speak on the topic of employers' concerns with Equal Employment Opportunity programs.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy with a Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Oklahoma, Gibson holds Senior and Global (Professional in Human Resource certifications from the Human Resource Certification Institute and the Senior Certified Professional designation from the national Society for Human Resource Management. A 21-year resident of the CNMI, Gibson served as the special advisor to the director of Personnel, Office of Personnel Management and as the Commonwealth's EEO coordinator. For the past 10 years he has provid-

ed, through his company HR Support, CNMI, HR management consultancy and training to both private companies and government agencies in the CNMI and Guam.

Gibson will discuss Equal Employment Opportunity from the perspective of what an employer needs to do to establish and maintain a successful EEO program so that the company can provide a work environment that is free from discrimination and harassment. The program will concentrate on employer responsibilities but will also define discrimination, explain the different types of discrimination, and briefly discuss the federal and CNMI EEO laws. It is essential for all employers, inclusive of managers, supervisors and the human resource staff, to understand their responsibilities to both the company and the employees and what they can do to ensure that their

program works and provides employees with the benefits and protections the federal EEO program is intended to provide.

This lunch meeting will be held at the Pacific Islands Club Charley's Cabaret on Friday, April 28, from 11:30am to 1:30pm.

This presentation is open to the public and will be an invaluable opportunity for employers, managers, and HR professionals and staff to better understand their EEO responsibilities. Gibson will provide an opportunity for questions.

The presentation includes the PIC lunch buffet at the cost of \$20 for SHRM members and \$30 for non-members. Seats are limited, so reserve your seat by contacting Penny Jones by e-mail at penelope.jones@hyatt.com or Denise Montenegro at denise.montenegro@hyatt.com or by telephone at 323-5867/68.

Independent Guahan to launch new village outreach campaign

GUAM—In their continuing efforts to educate the island community about decolonization, Independent Guahan will be holding their monthly general assembly at the Chalan Pago Community Center on Thursday, April 27, from 6pm to 7:30pm. This month's assembly represents a new initiative by the group to bring informational resources and critical conversations about independence as a political status option directly into the island's villages.

Since August of last year, Independent Guahan has been holding monthly general assembly meetings in the main pavilion of the Chamorro Village. This month's meeting in

Chalan Pago represents a new phase of educational outreach, where each monthly assembly will move to a new village. Jessy Gogue, Mayor of Ordot-Chalan Pago, is working closely with Independent Guahan to invite village residents to attend the meeting and learn more about political status change.

The educational focus for this month's meeting is "Independence 101" or a basic overview of what possibilities lay in the future should Guam become an independent country, as well as a discussion about some of the basic misconceptions about independence as a political status.

At each general assembly,

a *Maga'taotao* or community hero is chosen to be honored. For the April assembly, Ben and Susie Arceo, World War II survivors and prominent residents of Ordot-Chalan Pago will be honored for their work in promoting and protecting the heritage of the Chamorro people.

Starting with this meeting, Independent Guahan general assemblies will now be held on the last Thursday of each month.

For more information, please contact Dr. Michael Lujan Bevacqua at (671) 988-7106, email independentguahan@gmail.com, or visit www.independentguahan.com. **(PR)**

MHS student in JROTC headed to US Army

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The Marianas High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps battalion commander is headed off to Fort Jackson, South Carolina this August after being presented numerous awards in the schools' 2017 JROTC awarding last Friday.

A total of 16 awards were given to about 28 students of the schools' Dolphin Battalion in this year's school's awarding.

MHS battalion commander Chekaina Coloma is headed for U.S. Army training in Fort Jackson, South Carolina this August, right after graduation. According to Coloma, who received the Distinguished Cadet Award, the Military Officers Association of America Award, and the Excellent Staff Award, her plans to serve in the Army has been in the works since her freshman year in MHS.

"Ever since I was a freshman, I [really thought] about enlisting in the Army, so in my 17th birthday, I went straight into enlisting," said Coloma.

Coloma said she enlisted in the Army because "the thought of serving my country made me want to enlist."

For those still sitting on the fence about enlisting for the military, Coloma encourages them to think of the opportunities during and after enlisting in the military.

"[You] should not let that slip by," Coloma told *Saipan Tribune*. "There are so many great opportunities in the military."

Coloma would be serving in the Army, active duty.

There were numerous awards given out besides the ones Coloma received. The Superior Cadet Award was given to outstanding cadets in each leadership, education, and training levels, or LET levels. Freshmen are taught at LET level 1, sophomores at LET level 2, and so on.

LET 1 recipient was Cdt. Louwie Farro, Cdt. Bernadette Javier for LET 2, Cdt. Renaleen Sangcap for LET 3, and Cdt. Christian Oh for LET 4.

The Essence of the Military Order of the Purple Heart is a demonstration of a high degree of leadership—an ability Cdt. Mackenzie Perez displayed throughout the academic year. Perez also serves as a student correspondent for *Saipan Tribune*.

The Distinguished Cadet Award is awarded to cadets who exhibit the highest degree of experience in scholastics in all fields of study. The awards went to Cdt. Shiera Abadilla, Cdt. Angela Arcega, Cdt. Donald Pangelinan, and BAT-COM Coloma.

The Military Order of



JON PEREZ

Recipients of the annual Marianas High School Dolphin Battalion JROTC awards pose for a group photo after the awards ceremony last Friday at the MHS Cafeteria.

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World Wars, an award given to outstanding cadets for both military and scholastic excellence, was presented to Cdt. Rico Reyes.

Recipients of the American Legion awards were Cdt. Charisse Ramos and Cdt. Isabel Palacios. The American Legion Award is awarded to outstanding cadets for both military and scholastic excellence.

Cdt. Jacklyn Batu, recipient of the National Sojourn-

ers award, received the award because of her contributions to encourage Americanism within both the Corps of Cadets and the school campus.

The Military Officers Association of America award recognizes Cdt. Chekaina Coloma as an outstanding cadet who has demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership and a high degree of loyalty to the unit, school, and country.

The Reserve Officers Association Award went to Cdt. Maya David in recognition of her outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership ability.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post commander Michael O'Kelley presented Cdt. John Delos Reyes with the Veterans of Foreign Wars Award in recognition of his outstanding achievements and exceptional leadership ability, patriotism,

and outstanding military conduct in and out of uniform.

Cdt. Kaela Valencia received the Dedalian Achievement Award from the order of the Daedalians, a fraternity of commissioned military pilots from all military services organized after World War I to perpetuate the spirit of patriotism, love of country, and those high ideals of self sacrifice.

The Commendation Award recognized Cdt. Austin Aldan, Cdt. Jesse Chlarson, Cdt. Donald Pangelinan, Cdt. Kevin Aldan, and Cdt. Reaven Jei Cruz for their performance of duty exceptionally exceeding expectations of cadets in their grade and experience.

The Citizenship Award recognized the outstanding contributions and achievements in the pursuit of exemplary American citizenship of Cdt. Novell Dico, Cdt. Moises Belza, and Cdt. Aislal May Williams.

The last award, the Excellent Staff Performance Award, was given to primary members of the Dolphin Battalion's staff for their hard work and dedication to the team throughout the academic year. Cdt. Chekaina Coloma, Cdt. Samuel Borja, Cdt. John Delos Reyes, Cdt. Christian Oh, Cdt. Kaela Valencia, and Cdt. Renaleen Sangcapp received the award.



PUBLIC NOTICE



Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Fifteenth CNMI State Board of Education hereby gives notice that there will be a Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 at 8:00 a.m. at the Office of the Commissioner of Education Conference Room, Building 1211, Capitol Hill, Saipan.

AGENDA¹

I. Preliminary

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes
 - a. March 31, 2017 Special Board Meeting

II. Public Comments²

III. Reports

1. Chair
2. Board Committees
 - a. CIP
 - b. FPA
 - c. LIA
 - d. SARC
 - e. SICPP
3. Commissioner of Education
 - a. Financial Status Reports
 - i. Federal
 - ii. Local
 - b. Head Start Program
 - c. Library Month Presentation
 - d. Others

IV. Unfinished Business

1. Proposed Revision 60-40-251 Procurement and Supply – Change Order
2. Revised Organizational Chart
3. Goals & Objectives for the next 4 years
4. PSS Mission for 2017-2020

V. New Business

1. Audit Timeline
2. Human Resources Office Update
 - a. Head Start Program Director
3. PSS Contingency Plan on Addressing Federal Shortfall
4. State PREP Grant Award
5. Consolidated Grant FY 2018 Draft #4
6. SSHS Turbine Poles
7. Da'ok Academy
8. School Menus for SY2017-2018
9. Education Act Amendment
10. Child Abuse & Neglect Regulation 60-60-452 Proposed Amendment
11. ASCA National Model
12. Assembly and Installation for the Marianas High School Solar Power Project
13. Certification and Licensure Matters
 - a. CLO Report No. 2017-005

VI. Executive Session³

1. Legal Updates
2. Personnel/Certification
3. Other matters

VII. Discussion of Agenda for next Board meeting

VIII. Adjournment

¹ In the event that the items on the agenda are not completed, the meeting will recess and reconvene on the following day or at the most expeditious date and time determined by the Board.

² Pursuant to BOE Policy 0415, public comments are limited to 30 minutes. We ask that remarks be limited to 3 minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.

³ Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Board may vote to meet in executive session at any time.



CNMI DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



CDA Commonwealth Development Authority

FREE Small Business Development Workshops

How to Write a Business Plan

Monday, May 8th, 2017

10:00am—12:30pm

Location: CDA Board Room

Presented by: Denise Mendiola, Guam SBDC Senior Business Advisor/
Women in Business Program Coordinator

Mendiola has over 12 years in business development and management with an emphasis in training and marketing and has over 10 years as a small business owner. Major awards include the 2004 SBA's Women in Business Champion, 2006 ASBDC State Star, 2012 ASBDC State Star, 2016 ASBDC State Star, and recently named one of the Top 25 Influential Women on Guam.



This seminar will cover all of the elements to be included in a business plan, & explain with examples what is required in each section. The focus of the seminar will be the three M's – Money, Management & Marketing. Participants will also be provided with a sample business plan, sources of industry research information, and introduced to online business planning tools that are accessible at any time through an internet-enabled PC.

Limited Seating. Register now at: pisbdcn.ecenterdirect.com

For more information or to reserve your seats today, contact the CNMI SBDC at 670-664-3018 or visit www.pacificsbdc.com

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CNMI wins 3 awards at Marine Diving Fair



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The Marianas Visitors Authority and Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association man the CNMI's booth at Marine Diving Fair on April 7-9, 2017, in Tokyo, Japan. The fair was attended by over 50,000 consumers and travel trade representatives.

The CNMI won three awards at the annual Marine Diving Fair in Japan on April 7-9, 2017: Teteto Beach in Rota won second place Reader's Choice Best Beach and Managaha on Saipan won 5th place in the same category, while Saipan, Tinian, and Rota combined won 4th place Reader's Choice Best Diving Area, Overseas.

Diving opportunities in the Northern Marianas were touted by the Marianas Visitors Authority to over 50,000

attendees at the fair, which is the country's leading consumer diving show, targeting consumers and trade representatives in Japan and other Asian countries. The MVA hosted an information booth at the event, held at Ikebukuro Sunshine City in Tokyo.

"We are so pleased that The Marianas has again been chosen by divers at the fair this year as one of their favorite places. This is something we can all take pride in as our

community continues to make environmental protection and conservation a priority and an important part of sustaining our tourism economy for the long-term," said MVA deputy managing director Judy Torres. "The fair is also a perfect opportunity for the MVA to promote the underwater attractions our islands have to offer, our underwater treasures."

A number of divesites are among the "Marianas 30 Treasures" now being promoted

internationally by the MVA, including Treasure #1 Grotto, #2 Managaha Island, #8 Obyan Beach, and #22 Rota Hole.

In cooperation with MVA staff, the event was attended by Hitoshi Yamaguichi, president of the Northern Marianas Diving Operations Association. The fair had 50,115 total registered participants, of which 83 percent were divers, while the remainder were resort-lovers and other interested individuals. (MVA)



Divers, resort-lovers, travel trade representatives, and others visit the CNMI's booth at Marine Diving Fair on April 7-9, 2017, in Tokyo, Japan.



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Diving enthusiasts and Travel Trade representatives listen as Kyoko Okabe, sales manager of the Marianas Visitors Authority, shares info about diving and other tourism attractions in the Northern Marianas at Marine Diving Fair on April 7-9, 2017, in Tokyo, Japan.

Navy to conduct underwater training in Outer Apra Harbor

ASAN, Guam—Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Mobile Unit (EODMU) 5 will conduct underwater detonation training in Outer Apra Harbor May 18. There will be no underwater detonation training in April.

The activity will run from 8am to 4pm and the Coast

Guard will restrict access in the vicinity of northwest Outer Apra Harbor.

As part of the training, EODMU 5 will detonate four separate 1.25-lb explosives beneath the water's surface away from coral and on a sandy bottom.

The Navy is permitted to routinely conduct underwater

detonation training by the National Marine Fisheries Service under the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The Navy carefully follows mitigation procedures to ensure minimal impact to the environment. For the safety of personnel and marine life, the area will be visually cleared

by divers and by a lookout on the surface before, during and after the exercise. All activity will cease temporarily if a person or marine mammal is seen in the area.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. (PR)

UOG Theatre presents The Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman

UOG Theater closes the Spring semester with The Laramie Project by Moises Kaufman. This is the story of Matthew Shepard, a gay University of Wyoming student who was, robbed, beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die. This hate crime ignited a fiery debate that tore the small town of Laramie, Wyoming apart and sparked national and international debate about gay rights and gender identity.

Date and Times:

■ 7pm: Evening performances from Thursday through Saturday, April 27-3
■ 2pm Matinee on Satur-

day and Sunday, Feb. 4 and 5

■ Box office opens at 6:30pm for evening performances and 1:30pm for matinee performances.

Location:

UOG Fine Arts Theatre

Admission:

General: \$10
Students and seniors: \$7.50
UOG/GCC Students: Free with valid student I.D. or class schedule.

Tickets can be purchased at the box office on show nights.

For more information, contact Michelle Blas at mcbblas@triton.uog.edu. (UOG)

Pence cites 'challenging times' to troops in American Samoa

PAGO PAGO, American Samoa (AP)—U.S. Vice President Mike Pence is thanking US service members based in American Samoa.

Pence addressed about 200 soldiers during a refueling stop in Pago Pago on Sunday. The Vice President noted "challenging times" in the Asia Pacific and told the troops the Trump administra-

tion was seeking a large increase in military funding.

He also dedicated a sign that will greet visitors at a veterans clinic.

Pence met with American Samoan officials and troops on his way to Hawaii at the end of a tour of the Asia Pacific region that included a stop along the Demilitarized Zone separating North and South Korea.

MHS JROTC Awards Banquet

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Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera present to Cdt. Christian Oh, Cdt. Renaleen Sangcap, Cdt. Louwie Farro, and Cdt. Bernadette Javier their Superior Junior Cadet Decoration awards during the MHA JROTC Awards Banquet last Friday at MHS Cafeteria.



From left, Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera present to BATCOM Chekaina Coloma, Cdt. Angela Arcega, Cdt. Shiera Abadilla, and Cdt. Donald Pangelinan their Distinguished Cadet awards.



Cdt. Isabel Palacios, second right, and Cdt. Clarisse Ramos, far right, pose with their American Legion awards last Friday as the awards were presented by Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera.



From left, Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera present to Cdt. Moises Belza, Cdt. Aislah May Williams, and Cdt. Novell Dico their Citizenship awards.



Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara, far left, and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera, right, present to Cdt. Christian Oh, Cdt. Renaleen Sangcap, Cdt. John Delos Reyes, Cdt. Samuel Borja, Cdt. Kaela Valencia, and BATCOM Chekaina Coloma their Excellent Staff Performance awards last Friday.



From left, Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera present to Cdt. Reaven Cruz, Cdt. Kevin Aldan, Cdt. Jesse Chlarson, Cdt. Austin Aldan, and Cdt. Donald Pangelinan their Commendation awards.



BATCOM Chekaina Coloma receives the Military Officers Association of America Award from Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera.



Cdt. Jackylyn Batu was presented the National Sojourners Award last Friday by Marianas High School Senior army instructor Ramon Ichihara and MHS principal Cherlyn Cabrera.



Cdt. Mackenzie Perez poses with her Military Order of the Purple Heart award, an award that is awarded to an outstanding cadet who demonstrates a high degree of leadership ability.

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Sacre bleu! Why the French election matters for Americans

There may be revolution in the air in France, but not the Bastille kind. Winds of change are howling through the country from Calais to Cannes, and they could replace European unity with circle-the-wagons nationalism.

More so than any other election in Europe this year, France's presidential ballot on Sunday is a referendum on the battered European Union. Though Brexit wobbled the bloc, it wasn't the existential broadside the French election could deliver. The shadow over the EU's future comes in the form of not one but two candidates—far right nationalist Marine Le Pen and left-wing populist Jean-Luc Melenchon.

Standing in the way of an EU meltdown: 39-year-old centrist Emmanuel Macron, an ex-investment banker who believes France's prosperity is inextricably tied with Europe's. Sunday's contest is the election's first round. If no candidate wins a majority, the top two vote-getters square off in a second round May 7.

Postwar European unity has never had it this rough. The debt crisis that roiled several southern European nations beginning in late 2009 was followed by the flood of migrants streaming into Europe from the Middle East and North Africa. Then last summer, the United Kingdom shocked the world by deciding to quit the EU. That, coupled with the ascent of Donald Trump, had European leaders bracing for a populist revolt at the polls this year across the continent.

In national elections in the Netherlands last month, the defeat of ultra-nationalist Geert Wilders was a victory for advocates of continued European integration. Still on tap: elections this fall in EU powerhouse Germany, where Chancellor Angela Merkel's Christian Democrats face a challenge from the anti-EU party Alternative for Germany, though that group's popularity has dipped in recent weeks. On Wednesday, Parliament approved British Prime Minister Theresa May's call for early elections in June—a bid to grow the number of lawmakers who prefer a smooth Brexit to a more sudden, economically disruptive one.

For the U.S. and the rest of the West, an integrated, cohesive Europe is a stronger, more reliable partner. It was Europe working as a collective entity that sent thousands of soldiers to bolster American military campaigns in Afghanistan and Iraq. U.S. sanctions on Russia following its invasion of Ukraine would have had less bite without the EU joining in. Russian President Vladimir Putin pines for the day that Europe fragments into insular, self-interested nation-states that he can meddle with more readily.

Le Pen, who flew to Moscow to meet Putin earlier this year, speaks the Kremlin's every-country-for-itself language. "The European Union will die!" she recently exhorted at a campaign rally in Lille. "The time has come to defeat the globalists!" The 48-year-old daughter of nationalist leader Jean-Marie Le Pen, who once called Hitler's use of gas chambers a "detail of history," Le Pen is staunchly anti-

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Millennials may be more traditional than we've come to think

When people describe members of the millennial generation—usually considered those born between 1982 and 2000—a lot of adjectives get thrown around: lazy, entitled, irresponsible, selfish, unambitious.

Some of these critiques seem warranted given that one in three young Americans lives with a parent or parents and a quarter of those individuals don't work or go to school.

Few people would describe millennials as conventional in their thinking, but a recent study suggests a surprising thesis—that many young people today may favor more traditional gender roles in the home.

Sociologists Joanna Pepin and David Cotter explain that, using a survey monitoring the attitudes of high school seniors over four decades, they discovered that since the mid-1990s, the views of young people have shifted from more egalitarian to more traditional.

According to their findings, the belief that males should hold more decision-making authority and females should manage household work declined from the 1970s through the 1990s. But it has since started to rise, with a majority now preferring that men be the breadwinner while women stay home to raise the children.

It's worth noting that when it comes to the principles of equality, millennials seem to be all in. They overwhelmingly support "the idea that men and women have equal abilities and should be afforded equal opportunities."

They also support working mothers and strongly disagree with the notion that a mother's decision to work outside the home has a negative effect on young children.

This indicates an abatement of the so-called "mommy wars," the researchers write.

But when it comes to the practical decisions of family life, conventional roles are strongly preferred.

Pepin and Cotter's study isn't an anomaly.

A second paper prepared for the Council on Contemporary Families had similar findings, although its author found that a significant gender gap in those aged 18-25 is responsible for current trends.

The study's author, Nika Fate-Dixon, wrote that, "as of 2014, men aged 18 to 25 were more likely than their older counter-

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parts to agree with the 'old-fashioned' notion that it is better for women to take care of the home and for men to be the achievers in the outside world."

For the authors and most casual observers, this realization is perplexing.

Pepin and Cotter explain that changing population demographics, a decline in religiosity, greater educational attainment for women and an increase in dual-earner households all point to a stronger belief in egalitarian principles.

They wonder if "advances for women in the public sphere may increase many people's desire to reinforce gender essentialist ideology in the family."

It's not clear if or why that is the case, although some might argue that it is a reaction to women's successes in the workplace or even mild retaliation by young men who feel overshadowed by the progress of their female counterparts.

Then there is the fact that many millennials have delayed marriage and children.

A new report from the Census Bureau found that in 2016 the four common milestones of adulthood—getting married, having kids, getting a job and living on one's own—were achieved by only 24 percent of adults by age 34.

In comparison, in 1975 fully 45 percent of adults had achieved all four.

It's possible then that many millennials hold traditional ideals that will change with their life circumstances.

But it seems more likely that these changes in perspective are a response to something.

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It's time to end Canada's bloody seal slaughter

This year marks Canada's 150th birthday. But as it prepares to celebrate, a dark cloud hangs over the festivities: the bloodbath that takes place off the East Coast every year. I'm talking about Canada's commercial seal slaughter, which began earlier this month. As you read this, baby seals are likely being shot to death or bludgeoned with hakapiks, deadly hooked clubs with a sharp metal tip.

Canada's commercial seal slaughter is the largest mass killing of marine mammals on Earth and it has become a stain on the country's international reputation. If we want this year's to be the last one, every kind person must rally.

Thanks to sustained activism by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals and others, we are close to ending it, but that's little consolation to the tens of thousands of baby seals who will still be killed this year. Sealers object to calling these animals "babies," of course, but that's exactly what they are. Many are slaughtered before they've even eaten their first solid meal or learned how to swim. While sealers are not allowed to kill "whitecoats," infants with iconic fluffy white fur, they are permitted to kill the animals as soon as the fur is shed, when the pups are only about 3 weeks of age. Most are killed when they're between 3 weeks and 3 months old.

These babies are defenseless and have no escape from the violence that rains down on them. Eyewitnesses have seen weeks-

old pups shot in the face and wounded pups left to choke on their own blood as sealers rushed to attack the next fleeing victim. This horrific spectacle is repeated again and again on Canada's ice floes every spring, and for what? For fur, a frivolous product that no one needs or even wants.

All major markets for seal fur have closed, including in the U.S., the EU and Russia. This month, Switzerland became the 35th country to ban imports of seal-derived products. And despite a marketing blitz that has cost Canadian taxpayers millions, China—where PETA Asia is active—has shown little interest in buying seal skins or meat. In desperation, the industry is now trying to revive the trade in seal penises, dubiously marketing them as aphrodisiacs.

One by one, Canada's excuses for continuing to defend the slaughter are disappearing. The commercial East Coast slaughter is not a subsistence activity but rather an off-season venture that enables a few small fishing villages to earn some pocket change. When you factor in costs such as deploying the Coast Guard for several weeks each year to break up ice and rescue stranded sealers, flying delegations around the world to try to fight bans on seal fur, activist surveillance, and funding the seal-hunt bureaucracy, the seal slaughter hits Canadian taxpayers hard.

And while commercial fishers have long scapegoated harp seals for diminishing cod populations, a scientist with Fisheries

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and Oceans Canada says that the evidence for this claim is lacking. To the contrary, cod and seal populations have both grown over the last 10 years, according to John Bratney, who believes the seals actually prefer eating other types of fish. "We often find that seals are blamed for a lot of things," he says.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has tackled many social issues since taking office. Now, he has another opportunity to offer help to others who desperately need it: baby seals. Please take a moment to urge Prime Minister Trudeau to lift the cloud darkening Canada's anniversary celebrations by ending federal subsidies of the commercial seal slaughter. Then use your social media accounts to help spread the word and get more people involved. Together, we can help make 2017 the year that this cruel massacre is brought to an end.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

The working illegals: A dilemma

So the FBI found "illegals" (overstayed visitors) here, over 1,000 of them, and certainly not only Chinese although most of the attention is focused on those from China for whatever reason. They came as tourists and stayed for the opportunity to work, live, and make money.

There are, of course, those that were intentionally brought in under false pretenses to work in construction but given the extreme lack of workers on island and the millions at stake, we have to admit, the stakes were high and remained so. Thus the justification, the excuse and the dilemma, part of it. The other part of the dilemma is the possibility that some of these illegals are not all workers but people who decided to stay and invest their money into the CNMI, some perhaps through real estate, leasing properties, buying houses, or start a small business venture. The workers, on the other hand, work. They build and they work all over the islands. Oh, and for the record so no one gets confused, they came from the Philippines, China, Bangladesh, Korea, and other parts of Asia. And we may hate to admit it, but when they pay for goods and services, they contribute to our economy. Now, I hate to say this but every time something big hits the news, our lawmakers and those in government react and they do so with threats of corrective action.

Do me a favor, Mr. Legislator, how about trying to understand the problems first then looking for ways to resolve them without killing the economy. A friend of mine was complaining the other day that the BSI casino did not open as scheduled. Well? Is the project finished? Were all the little things that needed to be completed prior to opening done? If not, why? Lack of workers perhaps? How about the hotel next to PIC, is that on schedule? Do they have the manpower to construct, finish, open, and continue operating that facility? If not, we have a problem. We've had a problem for a long, long time. We just did not want to stare at reality in the face.

Ignoring it altogether is easier on the conscience and the paycheck. So, what do we do? Mandate by law a labor ID card to all who come here to work. Well, immigration is, now, under federal jurisdiction. Maybe they can bring a couple of thousands of their agents to clean these islands of the unwanted, unneeded, burden on our society criminals that we call the "illegals." Why not? Do you have another option? Here's one. I'm one of those that believes that U.S. Public Law 110-229 as written was wrong. It confiscated control of our immigration despite having questionable authority to do so. And with past labor immigration and labor abuses as their justification because they were happening on U.S. soil. We

must find a way around the federal laws that protect people who are on U.S. soil with the due process provision. How about this option: Let us go before the proper committee and sub-committee of the U.S. Congress ask for a return of our immigration. Seems like the U.S. does not respect our Covenant which is the basis for our keeping our immigration to ourselves for a very good reason. The passage of Public Law 110-229 contradicts the terms and conditions of Article 1 of our Covenant. How would the District Court look at the "Taking," by the U.S., of our immigration system? Would the court declared the act "null and void?" Our question is the constitutionality of the act. We're political partners, not enemies, but we have reasons for our actions as presented before the Akaka subcommittee in the 1990s by then Gov. Froilan Tenorio and then U.S. Delegate John N. Babauta. If we decide to go to District Court, do you think that's going too far? We could call for a "902 consultation" and lay everything on the table. All bets are off. Return our immigration system. The return of our immigration system will allow us to control our own future, instead of begging for the graciousness of the "feds."

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immigration, supports abandoning the euro and ultimately the EU, and touts protectionism to strengthen the French economy. Polling has her as a safe bet to make it to the second round: She's buoyed by strong support from French millennials frustrated with 25 percent youth unemployment.

Ideologies aside, in many ways Melenchon's positions mirror Le Pen's. He also wants out of the EU and envisions France as a protectionist state. His advisers paint him as a French Bernie Sanders, though commentators have dubbed him a "French

Chavez," and for good reason—he has spoken admiringly of the late Venezuelan socialist leader. Melenchon's Robin Hood pledges include slapping a 100 percent tax on income earned over \$425,000, lowering the official retirement age to 60, and trimming back the work week. Early on, he was at the back of the pack, but he's surged to compete with Le Pen and Macron.

Macron, a former economy minister for Socialist President Francois Hollande's government, offers voters a distinct alternative: expansion of health services and vocational training for youth, support for an open door immigration policy, and an embrace of European unity. At a campaign speech earlier this year, he told the crowd France needs Europe "because Europe makes

us bigger, because Europe makes us stronger."

We hope French voters see the bigger picture—the need for European cohesion, now more than ever. With Le Pen or Melenchon at the helm, the idea of France's exit from the EU becomes real and frightening. It would leave the bloc without any nuclear weapons, without a permanent seat at the U.N. Security Council, and without one of its heftiest economies. An EU collapse could follow.

The West faces persistent terrorism and a resurgent Russia. A further fractured, weakened Europe would make the challenges more daunting.

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Perhaps young people have rejected 90s-style feminism and

accepted what older women have come to realize the hard way—we can't have it all.






Or it could be that young people are far more insightful than we give them credit for; that they find value in both sexes but

view inherent differences between men and women in a positive light, instead of trying to erase them like generations past.

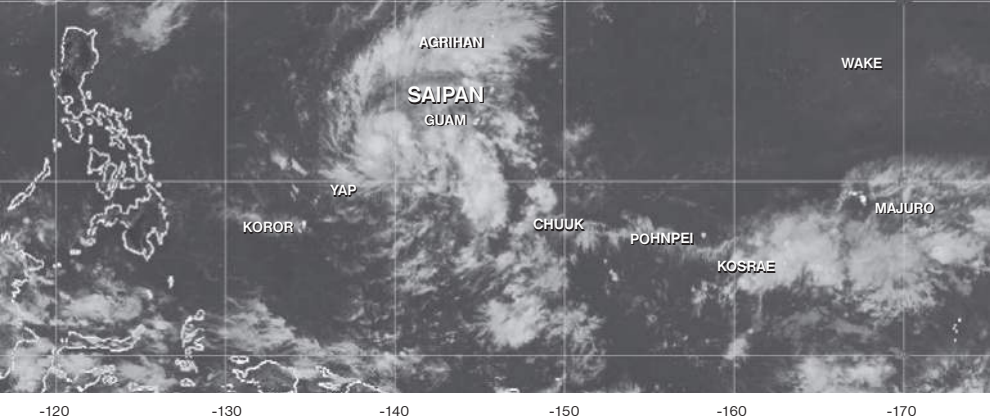
If that's the case, we might begin to see millennials in a different and more positive light, too.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then cloudy skies late.	 Cloudy with occasional showers.	 Mixed clouds and sun with scattered thunderstorms.	 Variable clouds with scattered thunderstorms.	 Partly cloudy skies.
▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°	▲ 85° ▼ 77°	▲ 86° ▼ 79°	▲ 86° ▼ 78°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 6:25 AM, MONDAY, APRIL 24, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

No major changes to the inherited forecast. A developing tropical disturbance continues to be the main focus for this week. Models remain in fairly good agreement that scattered showers will be across the Marianas through tonight. Beginning Tuesday morning is where they diverge. The GFS is maintaining a fairly wet pattern through the week, with scattered to numerous showers indicated through at least Thursday. The ECMWF, however, shows a much drier pattern after tonight, with most of the showers remaining to the south and west of the Marianas. Chose to maintain the forecast as is for now. Only isolated showers are present over the CNMI at this time, with scattered showers over Guam. These showers are expected to continue to develop northward through the day, bringing scattered showers to the CNMI a little later this morning. There have also been a few lightning strikes detected over the southern Guam waters. Based on the model guidance being very different after tonight, chose to maintain the forecast for only isolated showers for the remainder of the week, with isolated thunderstorms as well, due the unstable conditions indicated across the region.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	86° 79°F	
Palau	Thunderstorms	87° 78°F	
Yap	Rain	88° 71°F	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	85° 80°F	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	84° 79°F	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	85° 80°F	
Majuro	Thunderstorms	84° 80°F	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Sunny	69° 52°F	
Beijing	Sunny	72° 48°F	
Hong Kong	Thunderstorms	78 75 °F	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	85 73 °F	
London	Sunny	54 36 °F	
Los Angeles	Clear	73 60 °F	
Manila	Clear	95 79 °F	
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	66 47 °F	
Miami	Clear	83 66 °F	
New York	Clear	52 50 °F	
Osaka	Partly Cloudy	72 58 °F	
Paris	Clear	52 32 °F	
Pusan	Clear	74 52 °F	
Rome	Sunny	67 53 °F	
Salem	Light Rain	54 44 °F	
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	61 54 °F	
Seoul	Clear	68 47 °F	
Tokyo	Partly Cloudy	66 57 °F	
Washington, DC	Overcast	58 56 °F	



NMI CRIME STOPPERS

Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
12:29 AM	LOW TIDE		0.34
6:34 AM	HIGH TIDE		2.03
1:06 PM	LOW TIDE		0.18
7:10 PM	HIGH TIDE		1.96

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	5:56 AM	6:33 PM
Wednesday	5:56 AM	6:33 PM
Thursday	5:55 AM	6:33 PM
Friday	5:55 AM	6:33 PM
Saturday	5:54 AM	6:34 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	4:49 AM	5:20 PM	-
Wednesday	5:37 AM	6:20 PM	-
Thursday	6:28 PM	7:22 PM	-
Friday	7:22 AM	8:26 PM	-
Saturday	8:18 AM	9:29 PM	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF MARCH 25, 2017

DEPARTURES			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
TW308	2:35am	6:25am	Daily
OZ626	2:10am	6:00am	1
OZ626	2:50am	6:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:30am	Daily
LJ652	3:10pm	7:05pm	Daily
7C3401	4:30pm	8:25pm	Daily
ZE582	4:25pm	8:35pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
7C3451	2:55am	6:10am	1, 7
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7
7C3451	3:15am	6:30am	4, 5

SAIPAN-JEJU (CJU)			
7C3433	3:55am	7:30am	3, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	1:30am	6:50am	3, 5, 7

SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:30am	7:50am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
OZ626/701	2:10am	10:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/701	2:50am	10:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	9:00am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:30am	Daily via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:30pm	5 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	11:10pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:30pm	2 via GUM
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA6390/193	2:20pm	11:10pm	2 via GUM-ROR

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 3, 4, 6
HX077	2:15am	5:15am	1, 4
OZ626/721	2:10am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA6391/159	1:30pm	10:35pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	10:35pm	3, 6 via GUM

ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
LJ651	8:25am	1:45pm	Daily
ZE581	10:15am	3:35pm	Daily
7C3402	10:10am	3:30pm	Daily
OZ625	7:40pm	1:00am+1	7
TW307	8:15pm	1:35am+1	Daily
OZ625	8:20pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3404	10:10pm	3:30am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3452	8:30pm	1:20am+1	6, 7
OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6
7C3452	9:35pm	2:15am+1	3, 4

JEJU (CJU)-SAIPAN			
7C3434	10:05pm	2:40am+1	2, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	4:40pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6

GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:50pm	2:40am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/625	12:30pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/UA6395	10:05pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA192/6395	10:20pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA184/6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA184/6395	11:55pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:00am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/625	1:15pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
HX076	5:50pm	12:45am+1	3, 7
UO42	4:50pm	12:05am+1	2, 6
UO42	6:05pm	1:10am+1	1
UO42	6:10pm	1:10am+1	4
UA116/6395	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U Sichuan Airlines, 7C Jeju Air, DL Delta Airlines, UO HK Express, HX HongKong Airlines, LJ Jin Air, MU China Eastern, OZ Asiana Airlines, TW t'way Air, UA United Airlines, ZE Eastar Jet, PR PAL Express; ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. *(The Saipan Tribune is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)*

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SAIPAN TO ROTA			
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4:00PM	4:30PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	

ROTA TO SAIPAN			
DEPARTURE	ARRIVAL	FREQUENCY	
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4:45PM	5:15PM	Mon, Tues,Wed, Thu, Fri, Sat	

36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival

PHOTOS By ERWIN ENCINARES



A section of the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival showcasing traditionally woven baskets. The event was held over the weekend at the Garapan Fishing Base.



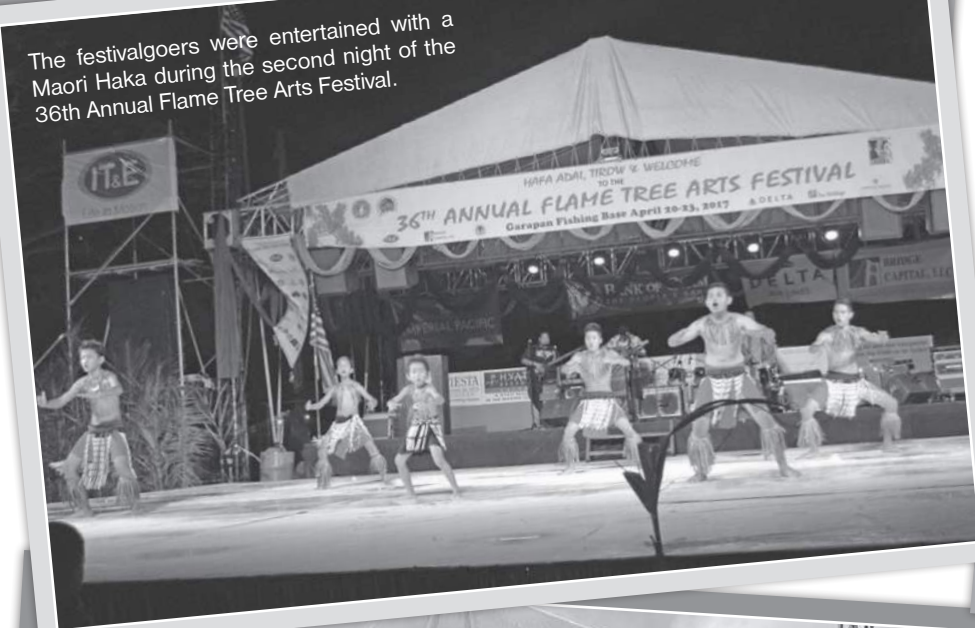
Toki Mojica, a regular artist for festivals such as the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival, displays her island jewelry handcrafted from materials found in the ocean.



Island-inspired ceramics were one of the many displays of art during the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.



Hand-carved wooden sculptures and designer pieces were submitted to the 8th Annual Bridge Capital Art Contest.



The festivalgoers were entertained with a Maori Haka during the second night of the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.



Shells hand-carved into accessories similar to those worn by ancient Chamorro tribes were a sight for tourists visiting the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.



Traditional Chamorro dances entertained festivalgoers during the last day of the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.



An entertaining fire dancing routine was presented to the festivalgoers during the 36th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival.

Business

Fearing worker shortage, farmers push back on immigration

JUNCTION CITY, Ore. (AP)—The head of Bethel Heights Vineyard looked out over the 100 acres of vines her crew of 20 Mexicans had just finished pruning, worried about what will happen if the Trump administration presses ahead with its crackdown on immigrants.

From tending the plants to harvesting the grapes, it takes skill and a strong work ethic to produce the winery's pinot noir and chardonnay, and native-born Americans just aren't willing to work that hard, Patricia Dudley said as a cold rain drenched the vineyard in the hills of Oregon.

"Who's going to come out here and do this work when they deport them all?" she asked.

President Donald Trump's hard line against immigrants in the U.S. illegally has sent a chill through the nation's agricultural industry, which fears a crackdown will deprive it of the labor it needs to plant, grow and pick the crops that feed the country.

Fruit and vegetable growers, dairy and cattle farmers and owners of plant nurseries and vineyards have begun lobbying politicians at home and in Washington to get them to deal with immigration in a way that minimizes



the harm to their livelihoods.

Some of the farm leaders are Republicans who voted for Trump and are torn, wanting border security but also mercy toward laborers who are not dangerous criminals.

Farming uses a higher percentage of illegal labor than any other U.S. industry, according to a Pew Research Center study.

Immigrants working illegally in this country accounted

for about 46 percent of America's roughly 800,000 crop farmworkers in recent years, according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the U.S. Departments of Labor and Agriculture.

Stepped-up deportations could carry "significant economic implications," a 2012 U.S. Department of Agriculture study said. If America's unauthorized labor force shrank 40 percent, for example, vegetable

production could drop by more than 4 percent, the study said.

The American Farm Bureau Federation says strict immi-

gration enforcement would raise food prices 5 to 6 percent because of a drop in supply and because of the higher la-

AP
In this March 1, 2017, photo, residents of the predominantly Latino town of Woodburn, Ore., meet to talk about increased detentions by federal immigration agents.

bor costs farmers could face.

In addition to proposing a wall at the Mexican border, Trump wants to hire 10,000 more Immigration and Customs Enforcement officers and has served notice that he intends to be more aggressive than the Obama administration in deporting immigrants.

ICE agents have arrested hundreds of immigrants since Trump took office, though how much of a change from the Obama administration that represents is a matter of debate.

Field hands have been among those targeted, with apple pickers detained in upstate New York and Guatemalans pulled over in Oregon on their way to a forest to pick a plant used in floral arrangements.

Bloomberg to world leaders: Ignore Trump on climate

NEW YORK (AP)—New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg urged world leaders not to follow President Donald Trump's lead on climate change and declared his intention to help save an international agreement to reduce carbon emissions.

Bloomberg, who considered a presidential bid after serving three terms as New York City's mayor, addressed his intensifying focus on climate change in an interview with The Associated Press. He said there was no political motive tied to last week's release of his new book, "Climate of Hope: How Cities, Businesses, and Citizens Can Save the Planet," co-authored by former Sierra Club executive director Carl Pope.

"I'm not running for office," the 75-year-old Bloomberg said.

Instead of helping to re-ignite his political career, he said the new book offered a specific policy objective: To help save an international agreement, negotiated in Paris, to reduce global carbon emissions.

The Trump administration is debating whether to abandon the pact as the president promised during his campaign.

Under the agreement, the U.S. pledged that by 2025 it would reduce its annual greenhouse gas emissions by 26 to 28 percent below 2005 levels, which would be a reduction of about 1.6 billion tons.

Bloomberg said he believed the U.S. would hit that goal regardless of what Trump does because of leadership at the state level and market forces already at play in the private sector.

"Washington won't determine the fate of our ability to meet our Paris commitment," he said in an email Saturday to the AP. "And what a tragedy it would be if the failure to understand that led to an unraveling of the agreement. We hope this book will help to correct that wrong impression—and help save the Paris deal."

Bloomberg already plays a significant role in shaping some of the nation's fiercest policy debates, having invested millions of dollars in one advocacy group that pushes for stronger gun control and another that promotes liberal immigration policies. In the new book, which follows what a spokeswoman described as \$80 million in donations to the Sierra Club

in recent years, the New York businessman solidifies his status as a prominent climate change advocate as well.

His policy repertoire aligns him with core values of the Democratic Party, although the Democrat-turned-Republican-turned independent has no formal political affiliation.

In the interview, Bloomberg shrugged off conservatives who condemn him as a paternalistic New York elitist. He noted that policies he helped initiate in New York City—including a smoking ban and high taxes on sugary drinks—have eventually caught on elsewhere.

"My goal has been to save and improve lives," he said. "Some ways of doing that can be controversial at first, but end up being highly popular and successful."

In his new focus on climate change, Bloomberg directs particularly aggressive language at the coal industry.

"I don't have much sympathy for industries whose products leave behind a trail of diseased and dead bodies," he wrote in the book. He added: "But for everyone's sake, we should aim to put them out of business..."

New worker, trainer need to build understanding

Q: I recently got a new job and am having some issues with the person training me. "Tammy" inundates me with waves of information, most of which seems completely unnecessary. I have trouble fitting everything together, so the entire process has become very frustrating.

Tammy and I got along well before she became my trainer, but now her attitude has changed. Although she's bright and bubbly with our co-workers, around me she seems irritated and sullen. She often remarks that my training should be moving faster.

To understand this job, I need more specific direction and less general information. How can I get the training I need without upsetting Tammy?

A: Based on your description, you and Tammy may simply have different learning styles. When tackling a new assignment, some people are "doers," while others are "thinkers."

"Doers" want to focus on the specific detailed steps required to carry out their task. Being hands-on learners, they are usually eager to jump right into the work. Extended discussion seems like a pointless waste of time.

"Thinkers" are less interested in implementation steps and more concerned with seeing the bigger picture. Because they work best when they understand the context, they want to get as much in-

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formation as possible.

Trainers automatically favor the approach that works for them, so when a trainee has the opposite style, frustration can build on both sides. While Tammy is trying to provide helpful background, you are starving for explicit details. As often happens, you are each beginning to conclude that the other is inept.

Instead of criticizing Tammy's teaching methods, try to politely ask for what you need. For example: "Tammy, I really appreciate all your help with my training. At this point, I believe I understand the overall process, but I may not be clear on the exact steps. If I make a list of specific questions, could we spend some time reviewing them?"

Should this approach fail, consider asking a colleague with a more compatible style to provide some informal coaching. Just be sure to avoid making disparaging comments about your official trainer.

Q: My boss said he recommended me for a raise of 50 cents per hour, but when I re-

ceived my paycheck, the increase was for only 25 cents. To make it worse, I learned that my new co-worker was given a 75-cent raise, which seems very unfair.

This co-worker was just hired 10 months ago, while I've been here for four years. When I asked my manager about this, he just mumbled something about company pay policies. Doesn't this seem wrong?

A: First of all, your boss should never have mentioned a specific increase amount unless he was absolutely certain it had been approved. By sharing this information prematurely, he made your raise a disappointment instead of a pleasure.

As for the disparity with your colleague, seniority is only one factor considered in calculating pay increases. Others may include position in pay range, salary caps or performance ratings. To understand the process in your own company, ask the human resources manager. But don't inquire about your co-worker's pay because that information is confidential.

Nation

Trump heads into tough week with budget, health care battles

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Donald Trump is heading into one of the most challenging weeks of his presidency, juggling a renewed health care push and a looming budget deadline. It's all complicated by a potential showdown with Democrats over paying for a border wall.

The symbolic 100-day mark for the administration is Saturday. That's the same day government could shut down without a budget deal. Trump has announced a rally in Pennsylvania that day.

Despite Trump's dismissal that the 100-day marker is "artificial," the White House is planning a packed week of activities leading up to Saturday. Trump will sign executive orders on energy and rural policies, meet with the president of Argentina and travel to Atlanta for a National Rifle Association event. Top aides will also fan out around the country to promote the administration.

Aides stressed on Sunday talk shows that funding a wall along the U.S.-Mexican border and a vote on an effort to repeal and replace President Barack Obama's health care law were priorities. But they also suggested a shutdown could be avoided.

"I don't think anyone foresees or expects or would want a shutdown," said budget director Mick Mulvaney on "Fox News Sunday."



President Donald Trump poses for a portrait in the Oval Office in Washington, Friday, April 21, 2017.

AP

Trump would like to revive a failed effort by House Republicans to replace the Affordable Care Act, or "Obamacare." He also hopes to use a \$1 trillion catchall spending bill to salvage victories on his promised border wall, a multibillion-dollar down payment on a Pentagon buildup, and perhaps a crackdown on cities that refuse to cooperate with immigration enforcement by federal authorities.

But so far, negotiations have proven difficult, with disputes over the border wall and health law subsidies to help low-income people afford health insurance. House members received little information from leaders on a conference call Saturday.

White House chief of staff Reince Priebus said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that he believes the spending bill will include "something satisfac-

tory" to reflect Trump's desire to build a wall. The legislation would keep the government running through Sept. 30, the end of the budget year.

"We expect the priorities of the president to be reflected," Priebus said, citing ongoing talks with the House and the Senate. He added that "it'll be enough in the negotiation to move forward either with construction or the planning ... to get going on the border wall

and border security."

House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi of California described a border wall as "immoral" and "expensive" when asked if there was any scenario in which Democrats will agree to money for a wall to avoid a shutdown.

"Democrats do not support the wall," she said, speaking also on NBC. "Republicans on the border states do not support the wall."

"The Republicans have the votes in the House and the Senate and the White House to keep government open. The burden to keep it open is on the Republicans," Pelosi said. She noted that when Trump promised to build a wall during his campaign, he never indicated he would "pass billions of dollars of cost of the wall onto the taxpayer."

Trump weighed in on his proposed border wall Sunday on Twitter, saying "Eventually, but at a later date so we can get started early, Mexico will be paying, in some form, for the badly needed border wall."

Trump has repeatedly asserted that Mexico would pay for the wall, which he says is necessary to stop the flow of immigrants crossing the border illegally as well as drug smugglers.

On Obama's health law, Priebus said he'd like to have a vote on the GOP repeal-and-replace bill in the House this coming week. But he insisted it didn't make too much difference to the White House whether the vote came next "Friday or Saturday or Monday."

"It's a marathon, not a sprint," he said.

Trump tweeted a warning at Democrats on Sunday, saying: "ObamaCare is in serious trouble. The Dems need big money to keep it going—otherwise it dies far sooner than anyone would have thought."

Doctor's arrest brings attention to US female circumcisions

DETROIT (AP)—Zehra Patwa learned only a few years ago that during a family trip to India at age 7, she was circumcised, which is common for girls in parts of Asia, Africa and the Middle East.

Patwa, 46, doesn't remember undergoing the procedure, which is also called female genital mutilation or cutting and which has been condemned by the United Nations and outlawed in the U.S. But she doesn't want to.

"I have no desire to get that memory back. ... Psychologically, it feels like a violation, even though I don't remember it," said Patwa, a technology project manager from New Haven, Connecticut, who now campaigns against the centuries-old practice.

The recent arrest of a Michigan doctor accused of performing the procedure on two 7-year-old girls from Patwa's own Shiite Muslim sect, the Dawoodi Bohra, highlights how female genital mutilation is alive and well in parts of the Western world where its adher-

ents have migrated and formed communities.

Depending on the culture, female circumcisions are performed on girls of various ages and by various methods, and they are seen as a way of controlling a girl's sexuality, maintaining her purity or even making her more fertile as she grows into adulthood. Critics, though, say it can cause complications during childbirth, make intercourse painful and eliminate any pleasure a woman can derive from sex.

Dr. Jumana Nagarwala is accused of performing the procedure on two Minnesota girls that left them with scars and lacerations. Her attorney, Shannon Smith, insists that Nagarwala conducted a benign religious ritual that involved no mutilation.

Prosecutors on Friday charged two other Bohras, Dr. Fakhruddin Attar and his wife, Farida Attar, with conspiracy. Fakhruddin Attar owns the Detroit-area clinic where the alleged procedures were performed in February, and inves-

tigators say the couple knew Nagarwala was doing the procedures after business hours.

There are more than a million Bohras in the world, most of whom live in India. No one knows how many there are in the U.S., but it's estimated there are about 25,000 and that they have about 20 mosques and gathering places.

Patwa, who is part of the activist group Speak Out on FGM, said that given its clandestine nature, it's hard to estimate how many people perform female circumcisions in the U.S. But there are a small number in the Bohra community who are known by elders and tend to be clustered around large cities with Bohra mosques, she said.

When many Bohra girls are age 6 to 8, their parents approach—or are approached by—a "secret network" of female elders about getting the girls cut. There is then an informal vetting process to make sure a request is legitimate and not an attempt to expose any activities, Patwa said.

"Everybody knows some-

body who has gotten their daughter cut ... but nobody wants to rat out their family members or friends," she said.

A spokesman for the Syedna, the Bohras' religious head in Mumbai, India, could not be reached for comment. The two men vying to succeed the Syedna, his half brother and the son of a former Syedna, have different views on female circumcision. The half brother says it is time to end the practice of female circumcision. The former Syedna's son, whom most Bohras accept as their new leader, says the tradition must continue and notes that Bohra men are also circumcised.

"Men have to do it, and even women have to do it," Syedna Muffadal Saifuddin said in a speech last year.

The World Health Organization said the practice of removing or injuring female genital organs has no known health benefits but has been performed on roughly 200 million women and girls in 30 countries.

Report: US cases of anti-Semitism increased last year

NEW YORK (AP)—The Anti-Defamation League found an increase in cases of anti-Semitic intimidation and vandalism last year, evidence that anti-Jewish bias intensified during the election.

The Jewish civil rights group found 1,266 cases of anti-Semitic harassment last year, compared to 941 in 2015 and 912 in 2014. The increase continued into the first three months of this year, with reports of 541 incidents compared to 291 in the same period the year before, according to the ADL data released Monday.

The preliminary 2017 numbers include a wave of more than 150 bomb threats that started in January against Jewish community centers and day schools. Authorities arrested an Israeli Jewish hacker who they said was behind the harassment. The ADL insists those threats should still be considered anti-Semitic since

Jews were the target. During the same period, a former journalist in St. Louis was also charged with threatening Jewish organizations as part of a bizarre campaign to intimidate his former girlfriend. But authorities believe the Israeli man is primarily responsible.

Even without those bomb threats, the number of anti-Jewish incidents this January, February and March in the report would be higher than the year before.

The FBI compiles annual hate-crime statistics, but the 2016 numbers aren't expected to be released until the end of this year. The ADL tally includes a much broader array of incidents, such as distribution of hateful materials, threats, slurs, intimidation and vandalism, along with physical assaults. The organization says its researchers evaluate reports from individuals, community leaders and law enforcement.

Asia

S. Korea, allies brace for N. Korea follow-up act

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Fresh off an immense North Korean parade that revealed an arsenal of intercontinental ballistic missiles, rival South Korea and its allies are bracing for the possibility that Pyongyang's follow-up act will be even bigger.

North Korea often marks significant dates by displaying military capability, and South Korean officials say there's a chance the country will conduct its sixth nuclear test or its maiden test launch of an ICBM around the founding anniversary of its military on Tuesday.

Such moves could test the developing North Korea policies of President Donald Trump, who has reportedly settled on a strategy that emphasizes increasing pressure on Pyongyang with the help of China, North Korea's only major ally, instead of military options or trying to overthrow the North's government.

Recent U.S. commercial satellite images indicate increased activity around North Korea's nuclear test site, and third-generation dictator Kim Jong Un has said that the country's preparation for an ICBM launch is in its "final stage."

Seoul's Defense Ministry has said the North appears ready to conduct such "strategic provocations" at any time. South Korean Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn, the country's acting leader in place of ousted President Park Geun-hye, who has been arrested over corruption allegations, has instructed his military to strengthen its "immediate response posture" in case the North does



AP
In this Sept. 15, 2016, file photo, North Korean defectors prepare to release balloons carrying leaflets and a banner denouncing North Korean leader Kim Jong Un for North Korea's latest nuclear test, in Paju, near the border with North Korea, South Korea.

hardware included prototype ICBMs and new midrange solid-fuel missiles that can be fired from land mobile launchers and submarines, making them harder to detect before launch.

The parade also featured previously unseen large rocket canisters and transporter erector launcher trucks, or TELs. This indicated that North Korea was developing technologies to "cold-launch" ICBMs, ejecting them from the launch tubes before they ignite in midair, which would prevent its limited number of ICBM-capable launcher trucks from being damaged and also allow the missiles to be fired from silos.

something significant on the April 25 anniversary.

There's also a possibility that North Korea, facing potential changes in regional dynamics as Washington presses Beijing to pressure Pyongyang more aggressively, opts to mark the anniversary with a missile launch of lesser magnitude. North Korea separately fired what U.S. officials said were a Scud-type missile and a midrange missile earlier this month, but the launches were analyzed as failures.

While Trump has dispatched what he called an "armada" of ships to the region, including an aircraft carrier, U.S. officials have told The Associated Press that the ad-

ministration doesn't intend to militarily respond to a North Korean nuclear or missile test.

In a statement released late Friday, North Korea's Foreign Ministry accused Trump of driving the region into an "extremely dangerous phase" with his sending of the aircraft carrier and said the North was ready to stand up against any kind of threat posed by the United States.

With typical rhetorical flourish, the ministry said North Korea "will react to a total war with an all-out war, a nuclear war with nuclear strikes of its own style and surely win a victory in the death-defying struggle against the U.S. imperialists."

Under the watch of Kim,

North Korea has been aggressively pursuing a decades-long goal of putting a nuclear warhead on an ICBM capable of reaching the U.S. mainland.

North Korea conducted two nuclear tests last year alone, which would have improved its knowledge on making nuclear weapons small enough to fit on long-range missiles. It also last year launched a long-range rocket that delivered a satellite into orbit, which Washington, Seoul and others saw as a banned test of missile technology.

On April 15, North Korea offered a fresh look at its advancing nuclear weapons and missiles program in a massive military parade in Pyongyang honoring late state founder

Kim Il Sung, the grandfather of the current ruler.

The displayed military

Stolen plaque in Thailand a sign of antidemocratic sentiment

BANGKOK (AP)—It's a whodunit worthy of a Dan Brown novel: a small bronze plaque commemorating Thailand's 1932 revolution is ripped out from a very public place by parties unknown and substituted by one praising the Chakri Dynasty, whose 10th king took the throne in December. A disinclination by the authorities to find those responsible adds another element of mystery.

The original plaque, installed in 1936, marked the spot where a group of progressive army officers and civil servants proclaimed the end of the absolute monarchy in order to steer the country toward democracy.

"At this place, at dawn on June 24, 1932, we the People's Party have given birth to the constitution for the progress of the nation," is a translation of the words engraved on the brass disc.

The ideal still hasn't taken hold. A royalist military government that took power in a coup three years ago still rules Thailand, and its newly enacted constitution aims to limit the power of elected officials and give it instead to institutions traditionally associated with the palace, including the courts, the civil service and the military.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said last week that

he has ordered an investigation into the plaque's disappearance, but warned against making a political issue of it.

He could understand why some people might be upset, he told reporters.

"But look at what we are doing today," he said. "Would it be better for us to look ahead at the future? Old subjects are just history."

The old plaque, about 30 centimeters (12 inches) in diameter and lying flush with the pavement, was embedded in Bangkok's Royal Plaza, a vast open area in the midst of government buildings and military installations.

It was so neglected as a landmark that its disappearance could only be estimated to have taken place between April 3 and 7.

As a symbol of democratic change, however, it was revered. For the same reason, it was despised.

Debate on social media over the plaque's disappearance has evoked a strong streak of antidemocratic sentiment, decrying the 1932 revolution for imposing unsuitable Western-style democracy causing corruption and all sorts of social ills; slamming the 1932 coup makers as evil; and even suggesting that the plaque was the physical incarnation of a curse on the nation.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Duterte says he can be 50 times more brutal than terrorists

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—The Philippine president has warned that he can be 50 times more brutal than Muslim extremists, saying he'd even eat them if they're captured alive by troops. President Rodrigo Duterte has repeatedly threatened drug suspects with death, but he raised his shock rhetoric to a new level Sunday when he said in a speech during the opening of a national sports tournament what he could do to terrorists who have staged beheadings and other gruesome attacks. Duterte ordered troops to kill fleeing Muslim militants behind a foiled attack in the

central resort province of Bohol, calling the extremists "animals." He said he can "go down what you can 50 times over ... just give me vinegar and salt, I'll eat his liver."

Army says bomb kills 4 soldiers in southwest Pakistan

QUETTA, Pakistan (AP)—The Pakistani army says a roadside bomb has killed four soldiers in a southwestern town near the Iranian border. The army said in a statement that another three troops were wounded in the explosion Sunday. No one has claimed responsibility. Local police official Mir Aslam says the bomb exploded as a patrol passed

through the town of Turbat in the Baluchistan province. The province borders both war-torn Afghanistan and Iran. The incident happened close to Iran's border. The province has long dealt with an insurgency by nationalist and separatists groups who want bigger shares in regional resources. Taliban- and al-Qaida-linked sectarian outfits also operate in the region. Pakistan has been battling militancy for more than a decade.

Corpses being sent home for burial after Taliban attack

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Dozens of corpses are being sent to different provinces around the coun-

try for burial two days after a Taliban attack on a northern Afghanistan army base left at least 100 soldiers and others dead or wounded. Ministry of Defense spokesman Gen. Daulat Waziri said Sunday that 10 attackers wearing army uniforms passed through two checkpoints at the base in two military vehicles on Friday. He says security guards stopped them at a third gate and that's when the attackers opened fire. Two suicide bombers ignited their explosives as part of the attack. Although the government insists about 100 were killed or wounded, other sources put the toll at more than 130 dead. Sunday was declared a national day of mourning.

World

Unconventional Macron faces unprecedented challenge

PARIS (AP)—French centrist Emmanuel Macron faces an unprecedented challenge in his quest for the French presidency: A newcomer to politics, he was virtually unknown to most of his countrymen just three years ago.

Now the tenacious 39-year-old with strong pro-business and pro-European views, and an unconventional love story, is poised to face far-right National Front leader Marine Le Pen in the May 7 presidential runoff.

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PARIS (AP)—France's far right is reaching out to voters who backed the defeated far-left contender, hoping to peel away voters from the extremes of the political spectrum.

The May 7 runoff will be between the populist Marine Le Pen and centrist Emmanuel Macron, and French politicians on the moderate left and right immediately urged voters to block Le Pen's path to power. The defeated far-left candidate, Jean-Luc Mélenchon, pointedly refused to do the same.

Le Pen offers an alternative for anyone skeptical of the European Union and France's role in it, said Louis Aliot, the vice president of the National Front party.

He spoke Monday to RTL radio after the earthshaking vote that saw France's mainstream political parties shut



AP
French centrist presidential candidate Emmanuel Macron thumbs up as he addresses his supporters at his election day headquarters in Paris, Sunday April 23, 2017.

out of the presidency for the first time in modern history.

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A joyful crowd of some 2,000 supporters gathered at his election headquarters in Paris cheered wildly at the announcement that Macron will advance to the second round. Their enthusiasm only grew when major rivals Socialist Benoit Hamon and conservative Francois Fillon conceded defeat, then urged voters to

vote for Macron in the runoff in order to defeat Le Pen.

In an American-style move unusual in French politics, Macron appeared on stage hand in hand with his wife, Brigitte, both waving at the crowd with tears in their eyes.

Brigitte Macron is 24 years his senior—the same age difference as Donald and Melania Trump—and Macron doesn't hide that she is his closest adviser.

In his speech, Macron praised supporters for a campaign that “changed the course of our country.” Urging hope in a future with Europe instead of fear—a reference to Le Pen's anti-European Union campaign—he declared: “The challenge is to open a new page of our political life.”

Many in the jubilant crowd waved both the French tricolor and the European Union flags, chanting, “We will win!”

Charlotte Rousselet, 31, said she used to vote for the Socialist party but believes Macron has “more modern, reformist views.”

“He represents a new way to do politics, he promotes women, youth, people for the civil society and he's not afraid to say that he is pro-Europe,” she said.

Macron has a strong stance on economic issues, but he has also put more focus on security and the fight against terrorism in recent weeks, pledging to boost the police and military as well as the intelligence services and to put pressure on internet giants to better monitor extremism online.

To improve Europe's security, he wants the EU to deploy some 5,000 European border guards to the external borders of the bloc's passport-free travel zone.

A strong advocate of a free market and entrepreneurial spirit, Macron has called for France to focus on getting benefits from globalization rather than the protectionist policies advocated by both the far right and the far left.

“We need Europe, my friends, so we will rebuild it,” he told a crowd at a rally in Paris this week. “Because we will be stronger, I will rebuild a strong and balanced alliance with Germany in order to give Europe a new boost.”

Macron has also promised to shake up the political landscape by appointing a government mostly composed of new figures, some of them coming from business and civil society.

Macron has never held elected office. Socialist president Francois Hollande named him economy minister in 2014, after he worked for two years as a top adviser on economic issues at the presidential palace.

He launched his own political movement, En Marche! (In Motion!) last year to support his candidacy.

Macron and his wife have publicly described the unusual way their romance started—when he was a student at the high school where she was a teacher in the town of Amiens in northern France. A married mother of three children at the time, she was supervising the drama club. Macron, a literature lover, was a member.

Macron moved to Paris for his last year of high school. At that time, “we called each other all the time, we spent hours on the phone, hours and hours on the phone,” Brigitte Macron recalled in a televised documentary. “Little by little, he overcame all my resistances in an unbelievable way, with patience.”

On Holocaust day, Netanyahu says its lessons guide him

JERUSALEM (AP)—Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu opened Israel's annual memorial day for the 6 million Jews systematically killed by Nazi Germany and its collaborators during World War II by saying the lessons of the Holocaust guide him daily and issuing a warning to Israel's enemies not to test it.

The Nazis and their collaborators wiped out a third of world Jewry and Netanyahu's remarks illustrated how decades later the Holocaust is still a central part of Israel's psyche. The state of Israel was established just three years after the end of the war and hundreds of thousands of survivors made their way here.

Speaking at the at the main ceremony at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial, Netanyahu said Israel's arch-enemy Iran, as well as the Islamic State group, are “publicly striving to destroy us.”

Netanyahu said the lesson of the Holocaust is that “we must be able to defend ourselves by ourselves against all threats and any enemy.” He said this lesson

guides him “every morning and every evening.”

Netanyahu said Israel has transformed itself into a strong nation with one of the “strongest defensive forces in the world” and warned “those that seek to destroy us will put themselves in danger of destruction.”

World powers knew of the mass destruction of Jews already in 1942 and if allies would have intervened by bombing the death camps millions of people could have been saved, Netanyahu said.

He said that although there hasn't been anything on the scale and scope of the Holocaust since World War II, the world has mostly stood by and not intervened in mass killings around the world from Cambodia to Sudan and now Syria.

However, Netanyahu said, “amid the darkness” there are some “points of light.” Among them he said was U.S. President Donald Trump's “determined answer to the slaughter of the Syrian children by chemical weapons.” He was referring to the U.S. missile strike earlier this month on

a Syrian air base the U.S. believed to be the launching pad for a chemical weapons attack on civilians that killed dozens.

Syrian President Bashar Assad has strongly denied he was behind the attack in the opposition-held town of Khan Sheikhoun in Syria's northern

Idlib province.

Netanyahu said Israel is also not apathetic to the suffering in Syria and pointed out that Israel has helped thousands of wounded Syrians who reach its northern frontier, providing them with medical treatment in hospitals in Israel.

Iranian candidate says nuclear deal failed to lift sanctions

TEHRAN, Iran (AP)—An Iranian presidential candidate said Sunday the landmark 2015 nuclear agreement with world powers has failed to lift sanctions or improve the country's economy.

Mostafa Mirsalim, a conservative, told a news conference that President Hassan Rouhani's outreach to the West had failed, adding that “sanctions remained in place and were even intensified.”

Under the nuclear deal, international sanctions were lifted in exchange for Iran curbing its uranium enrichment, but separate U.S. sanctions related to Iran's ballistic missile program have been

tightened.

Mirsalim said that, if elected, he would abide by the nuclear deal. But he said U.S. President Donald Trump's administration had already undermined the agreement, without elaborating.

Last week, the State Department certified that Iran was complying with the nuclear deal, but Trump, a longtime critic of the agreement, said Tehran was violating the spirit of the accord and that the U.S. might withdraw from it.

Switching to French at one point during the press conference, the France-educated Mirsalim said he wanted to transform Iran into a “safe

international hub” for “regional and international dialogue and constructive engagement.”

Rouhani is the front-runner in next month's election, in which he will face off against five candidates.

Iran's hard-liners have criticized the nuclear deal, saying Rouhani gave too much away and that the economy remains weak despite the lifting of sanctions.

Former hard-line President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad and his close ally Hamid Baghaei, both of whom were disqualified from running in the election, said in a joint statement that they will not support any

of the candidates. If their supporters remain on the sidelines it could help Rouhani, who enjoys the support of moderates and reformists.

Meanwhile, Rouhani told supporters in the northern city of Qazvin that the election would be a selection between freedom and peace or their opposite, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

“The issue is if the society should be more open or closed,” he was quoted as saying. “Whether we want confrontation with the world and to bring back the ill-omened shadow of war or we want to continue self-respecting engagement with the world.”

Focus

TRUMP'S AMERICA: Exploring the US anti- immigrant fervor

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AP
A U.S. flag hangs at the Franco American Heritage Center as a woman enters to attend the local high school's pre-prom fashion show in Lewiston, Maine, Thursday, March 16, 2017. Maine is the whitest state in America, 95 percent white, and its citizens were abruptly confronted with hundreds of black Muslims, traumatized by war and barely able to speak English.

LEWISTON, Maine (AP)—What is behind some of the anti-immigration fervor that helped give rise to Donald Trump? In one American county that has been transformed by an influx of refugees and asylum-seekers, the answer is complicated. In the past 16 years, 7,500 African immigrants helped revive Androscoggin County, Maine, and the once-dying mill town of Lewiston. They opened shops and restaurants in boarded-up storefronts. Their children led the high school soccer team to win the state championship—a moment heralded as a triumph of cultural cooperation.

And yet, for the first time in three decades, voters in Androscoggin County chose a Republican for president, endorsing Trump's nativist zeal against the very sort of immigrants who share their streets and their schools. Some talk openly about their indignation, built on the belief that the immigrants take more than they give. Others sigh and hesitate, afraid to seem racist or indifferent to the pain and poverty of others. Many echoed one native Mainer: America is struggling, and needs to take care of its own before it takes care of anyone else.

Here some of the county's 107,000 residents talk about the issue that has consumed much of Trump's presidency so far.

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When the refugees began

arriving—first from Somalia and then Angola, Burundi, Rwanda and more—Tabitha Beauchesne was a student at the high school in Lewiston. Her new classmates were poor, but Beauchesne was poor, too. She grew up in a struggling family in housing projects downtown. It felt to her then, and it still feels to her now, that the refugees got more help than her family.

"They just seemed to take over," she said. She doesn't consider herself racist, though acknowledges that race and religion likely play a role in her sense that the refugees overwhelmed her community. The African Muslims, many of whom wear hijabs, stand out far more than her French-Canadian ancestors did when they arrived generations ago, she said.

That perception—one of being inundated by a culture so different from her own—ingrained in her a sense of injustice so deep it persists to this day.

She's now a stay-at-home mother of two, and she left Lewiston to move to another school district in the county because she believes the refugee students monopolize teachers' attention.

Once a Barack Obama supporter, Beauchesne turned to Trump—and she cheers his efforts to curb the flow of refugees into the United States. She wants Trump to design a tax system that funnels less of her money to aiding those from other countries.

"I just don't like giving



A woman wearing a khimar leaves after shopping at one of the many stores owned by Somali immigrants who have settled in Lewiston, Maine, Friday, March 17, 2017. In August 2016, candidate Donald Trump stood on a stage in Portland and singled out the Somali community as criminal. The police chief quickly refuted the charge as false, since crime has decreased in Lewiston after the refugees arrived, but it continues to linger in the minds of many.

money away that's not benefiting me and, not to sound selfish, but then seeing it benefit other people," she said. "As a business owner, my husband wouldn't donate \$500 to the Salvation Army if we couldn't afford it. Our country needs to do the same thing."

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Richard Rodrigue appreciates the positive changes immigration has brought to his community, and yet he agrees with Trump that America must slow the flow of migration for now.

Rodrigue believes immigrants resuscitated the town of Lewiston, plugging the population drain that had threatened to cripple it, opening new shops and restaurants. But America is struggling, he says, and needs to take care of its own before it takes care of anyone else.

Rodrigue's grandfather was an immigrant who fled poverty in Quebec and moved to Maine to toil his whole life in the textile mills. He never learned English, faced hate and discrimination. Two generations later, Rodrigue owns a successful security company, lives in a tidy house in a quiet neighborhood and makes plans to send his daughter to college.

Immigration worked for him. But it feels different today, he said, as his county tries to find its footing. Sprawling mills sit mostly shuttered. A quarter of children grow up poor. Taxpayers pick up the welfare tab. So Rodrigue ties his embrace of Trump's immigration clampdown to those economic anxieties.

"There's got to be a point in time when you have to say, 'Whoa, let's get the working

people back up. Let's bring the money in.' But they keep coming, keep coming," Rodrigue said. "I guess it just boils down to: What's enough? Is that wrong? Am I wrong? Am I bad? That's how I feel."

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David Lovewell used to work at a paper mill in Androscoggin County that has shed hundreds of jobs. Now he runs a logging company with his sons, but he sees a dim future for them. A few months ago, business got so bad he laid off eight employees and fell behind on his \$5,500 monthly payments on the machines he uses to cut down trees.

Lovewell doesn't like to talk about immigration. He sighs and rubs his head, afraid to seem indifferent to pain and poverty around the world. He went on a cruise to Belize with his wife several years ago, when he still worked at the mill and could afford a vacation. He stopped to buy a carving from an old man whose hands were so worn from years of whittling they looked like leather. He remembers those hands still, and the man's dirt-floor shack with no doors and his skinny, starving dog and the kids riding around on broken bicycles.

"I struggled with it, when he did the travel ban," Lovewell said of Trump. "At the same time, I'm seeing ... people losing their jobs. Why are we so worried about immigrants coming into our country when we can't really take care of our own people?"

So he's looking to Trump

to strike a better balance—to build an economy where his sons don't have to battle to barely get by, and only after that design an immigration system that keeps America's promise of open arms.

"I guess it could sound like bigotry," he said. "But we're hurting. Americans are hurting."

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Ardo Mohamed came to Lewiston in 2001, among the first immigrant families to arrive. She fled Mogadishu in the 1990s, when militiamen burst into the home she shared with her parents and nine siblings, and started shooting. She watched her father die, as the rest of the family escaped into the woods.

They wound up in overcrowded refugee camps, separated for years, then finally Atlanta, then Lewiston. Now she fries sambusas with her sister at a shop she owns downtown.

"We wanted to be safe," said the mother of five, "just like you do."

But she said there seems to be more tension in town since Trump took office. One woman reported she was nearly run down by a screaming driver; another said someone jerked her hijab and told her to go back where she came from.

Mohamed is an American citizen now. Her children were born in the United States. But they worry the government will come to send her away.

"We are scared," she said. "They say every night, 'Mom, if they take you, where we do live?'"

Overdrive

NUTS & BOLTS

- **Base prices:** \$22,200-\$32,500
- **Engine:** 1.6-liter Atkinson-cycle four-cylinder
- **Total horsepower:** 139 (hybrids); 118 (electric)
- **Fuel type:** Regular
- **EPA fuel economy (city/highway):** 55-57/54-59
- **Wheelbase:** 106.3 inches
- **Length:** 176 inches
- **Cargo capacity:** 23.8-26.5 cubic feet
- **Curb weight:** 2,996-4,189 pounds
- **NHTSA rating:** Not rated

By **LARRY PRINTZ**
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> AUTO REVIEW <

2017 Hyundai Ioniq delivers the unexpected: a good-looking gas-electric hybrid

In 2011, there were 35 hybrid and electric vehicle models on the market. Today, there are 59, an increase of nearly 41 percent. But the number of such vehicles in the overall market hasn't risen nearly as much, climbing from a meager 2.25 percent to an equally meager 2.87 percent, a 22 percent increase. Obviously, buyer enthusiasm has been lacking.

So why is Hyundai fielding a new line of hybrid and electric vehicles?

Well, they have no choice. The government is dictating automakers produce them, regardless of whether there's consumer demand. So much for a free-market economy.

But Hyundai also thinks buyer preferences are changing on their own, noting that millennials will become the largest share of new vehicle buyers by 2020, potentially accounting for 40 percent of the market. This generation is more likely than any to consider alternate fuel vehicles. Throw in environmental trends such as increasing

urbanization and awareness of pollution issues, and you have the potential to sell boatloads of fuel efficient vehicles, as long as they're also fun to drive and don't cost too much.

Enter the 2017 Hyundai Ioniq, a new dedicated line of hybrid, plug-in hybrid and electric vehicles vying for attention in a very crowded, if small, corner of the market.

Like many of its competitors, the Ioniq is a five-door hatchback. Unlike them, it's shockingly normal looking. Given most dedicated hybrids usually resemble alien life forms, will buyers find a normal-looking hybrid acceptable? Of course they will; that's the point.

Underneath the normality is a 1.6-liter direct-injected Atkinson-cycle four-cylinder

engine. In the Ioniq Hybrid, it delivers 104 horsepower and 109 pound-feet of torque. It's teamed with a 32 kilowatt electric motor that produces 125 pound-feet of torque from a lithium-ion polymer battery located under the rear seat. Total system output is 139 horsepower, with an EPA rating of 58 mpg in combined city-highway driving.

Choose the Ioniq plug-in hybrid and you also get more than 27 miles of pure electric driving, thanks to a more powerful 45 kW electric motor and a substantially more potent lithium ion battery. Or, you could choose the Ioniq electric, with an estimated driving range of 124 miles. Power is rated at 88 kW, or 118 horsepower, and 218 pound-feet of torque and

an EPA rating of 135 mpg-e. Better yet, recharging is fairly quick, restoring the battery to 80 percent capacity in a little over 20 minutes.

Hyundai claims that its Ioniq Hybrid is uncompromised in driving dynamics, thanks to its use of a dual-clutch transmission, rather the continuously variable automatic transmission typically used in hybrids. In addition, there are Eco, Normal, and Sport driving mode. Opting for Sport eliminates the electric-only mode, allowing the gas engine to run constantly with an assist from the electric motor. The gear ratios also change, and steering effort increases.

Couple this with specially designed Michelin tires, and you won't get a sports sedan but a hybrid that's more en-

joyable to drive than many of its ilk. Credit the dual clutch transmission, which provides quick, prompt, unobtrusive shifts rather than the sluggish response typical of a CVT. Still, you won't feel the intense pleasure that you would from driving a great sports car. Instead, you'll feel relaxed as the refined driveline quietly and efficiently goes about its business. Surprisingly, there's little regenerative braking as in other hybrids, unexpected given that Hyundai set out to design a hybrid that beats the Prius in fuel efficiency. And while the EPA says that it does, heavy use of sport mode during the test drive prevented reaching that number.

As you'd expect, there's a bunch of automated safety systems, including automatic

emergency braking with pedestrian detection, lane departure warning, blind spot detection and rear cross-traffic alert.

The cabin proved to be pleasingly decorated for the price, and the instrument panel has a logical layout that's easy to operate at a glance. The cabin is admirably spacious, with good legroom, although rear headroom might be tight for taller passengers.

As you'd expect of a car looking to find favor among millennials, the Ioniq comes with Apple CarPlay, Android Auto and wireless charging for smartphones.

If this all sounds shockingly normal, well, it is.

And while the 2017 Hyundai Ioniq is not the sort of car to rev the hearts of enthusiasts, it will find favor with families. That's because its most compelling trait is its 58 mpg EPA rating, as well as its \$22,200 base price. And those are two numbers many buyers will find hard to resist.

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Under the Hood: Replace timing belt before long road trip

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Q Brad, I own a 2009 Subaru Forester with around 93,000 miles on it. I change the oil every 5,000 miles using a synthetic and I have also changed the transmission fluid.

I have not had any problems since I bought it new in 2008 but I am soon taking a road trip to Florida and want your opinion on changing the timing belt and pump.

Subaru says to change it at the 105,000-mile mark. Should I change it before my Florida trip, or wait until I get back? By that time, the

vehicle should have close to 105,000 miles on it.

—Alberto Garcia-Mendoza, California

A Alberto, if it were my car and I'd be spending about 80 hours behind the wheel, far from home, I'd do the timing belt now, along with a thorough inspection of the car, top to bottom.

The more I learn about cars and what can break, the more apprehensive I become when out on the road.

Because your Forester has an interference engine, a timing belt failure would likely result in a messy and expensive collision of valves

and pistons. Such an outcome would be particularly unpleasant were it to happen while, say, passing through Louisiana's Maurepas swamp wildlife area on Interstate 10.

When renewing a Subaru timing belt, it is customary and prudent to install a timing belt kit, which includes the belt, an automatic tensioner, water pump and three idler pulleys. These parts are all necessary for proper belt function, and replacement involves only a bit of additional labor.

You didn't mention performing other services in addition to the oil changes. Have you renewed the spark plugs, fuel filter, brake fluid

or cabin air filter? How about belts, hoses, coolant, brakes, struts? For guidance, check Subaru's recommendations for what inspections to perform at 60,000 miles and 90,000 miles.

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In response to a recent column, I received some helpful follow-up information on fluid analysis from Ed Gellner, a longtime fuel and lube product specialist at Chevron. His comments, edited for length and clarity, focused on my recommendation of comparing drops of new and used transmission fluid on a paper towel.

Here's what he said:

The formal name for the analytical technique you describe is "paper chromatography" but it is usually simply called "the blotter spot test." It's often used in the lab to get a quick and dirty reading of a fluid's condition.

The wicking action of the paper fibers separates materials in the fluid based on their specific gravity. The resulting separation should look like a target with concentric rings.

Metals and other heavy materials will be at the bull's eye. Soot and other lighter materials will separate out in concentric circles. At the outside of the circles, you will find the lightest components

like base oil or fuel dilution in engine oil.

The lab uses Whatman filter paper, but a white coffee filter also works well. A white paper towel works in a pinch.

If you do a blotter test and your used oil doesn't look much different than fresh oil, don't take a mechanic's recommendation to have your transmission fluids flushed. He's probably just looking for his commission.

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Life & Style

Sheryl Sandberg picks 'Option B' in her book on resilience

NEW YORK (AP)—Though perhaps best known as Facebook's No. 2 executive, Sheryl Sandberg is also a mentor, a mother, a billionaire and an author. When her husband Dave Goldberg died suddenly in 2015 while they were vacationing in Mexico, she added "widow" to the list.

"The grief felt like a void, like it was sucking me in and pushing on me, pulling me in and I couldn't even see or breathe," she said in an interview with The Associated Press. "People who have been through things like this told me it gets better. And I really didn't believe them.... I want other people going through things to believe it does get better."

Her new book - "Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy," written with psychologist Adam Grant - chronicles the devastating loss, her grief and how she emerged from it with a new perspective on life. A humbled follow-up to her first book, "Lean In," it's also a how-to, drawing from studies and the experiences of others to describe techniques for building strength and resilience and ways to support those going through hard times.

Sandberg also uses the new book to address what she now sees as shortcomings in the career advice she offered women in "Lean In." Surveying the world as a wealthy corporate executive rendered her oblivious to the circumstances faced by less fortunate women, she acknowledged. Not everyone can lean in; not everyone



In this Wednesday, June 22, 2016, file photo, Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg speaks at the American Enterprise Institute in Washington.

wants to.

"I didn't get it," she wrote. "I didn't get how hard it is to succeed at work when you are overwhelmed at home."

THE FIRST MONTHS

The most affecting parts of the book recount not just Sandberg's grief, but that of her children. When she had to tell them that their father died. When, arriving at the cemetery for his funeral, they "got out of the car and fell to the ground, unable to take another step. I lay on the grass, holding them as they wailed," unable to protect them from their sorrow.

It did get better, though slowly. Sandberg returned to

work at Facebook in a haze, unable to summon her previous self-confidence.

"I couldn't understand when friends didn't ask me how I was. I felt invisible, as if I was standing in front of them but they couldn't see me," she writes, adding later, that by staying silent in such situations "we often isolate friends, family and co-workers."

At Facebook, Sandberg has long been an advocate of "bringing your whole self to work," meaning a willingness to share your personal life with co-workers. But this can get tricky when it comes to facing trauma. Sandberg found it difficult, and even considered carrying around

a stuffed pachyderm to encourage co-workers and even friends to talk about the "elephant in the room."

PICKING UP THE PIECES

Then one day, about a month after Goldberg died, she decided to post on Facebook about her grief, her gratitude toward her friends, and her related tumultuous feelings—for instance, coming to believe she would never again feel real joy. She wrote it out, not planning to share it publicly. After some more thought, she decided it couldn't possibly make things worse.

The change was immediate. Friends, co-workers and strangers—many of whom

had dealt with loss themselves—began reaching out. It helped, Sandberg wrote. The post has been shared more than 400,000 times and has some 74,000 comments. It opened up a conversation.

"I know it almost sounds silly because I certainly work at Facebook and I know what Facebook's mission is," she said. "But experiencing it for myself was a very ... deep experience."

Talking about these things, as difficult as it might be, can be a lifeline. As is getting help at work, something Sandberg acknowledged not everyone can. Facebook has recently extended its bereavement policies to allow employees

more time off after the death of a loved one. But Sandberg says supporting people once they are back at work - including reminding them that their contributions are needed and welcome - is just as important.

"Death is not the only kind of adversity that summons up the elephant," Sandberg wrote in the book. "Anything that reminds us of the possibility of loss can leave us at a loss for words. Financial difficulties. Divorce. Unemployment. Rape. Addiction. Incarceration. Illness."

BUILDING STRENGTH

A few weeks after she lost her husband, Sandberg was talking with a friend, making plans for someone to fill in for a father-child activity. Crying, she told the friend "But I want Dave." He put his arm around her and said, "Option A is not available. So let's just kick the s--- out of Option B."

Sandberg said she believes strongly in pre-traumatic growth - people's ability to build up resilience before something bad happens so that they are able to deal with it better. She has peppered the book with anecdotes and studies about resilience, from the story of Malala Yousafzai, the 19-year-old Pakistani activist and Nobel Peace laureate, to that of the survivors of a 1972 plane crash in the Andes described in the book (and movie) "Alive."

"Tragedy does not have to be personal, pervasive or permanent, but resilience can be," she writes. "We can build it and carry it with us throughout our lives."

Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz dies at age 86

WARSAW, Poland (AP)—Renowned sculptor and fiber artist Magdalena Abakanowicz, Poland's leading visual artist, has died at age 86, the rector of Warsaw's Academy of Fine Arts said Friday.

Abakanowicz' work was notable for her larger-than-life, headless human figures, arranged in crowds in open spaces.

She primarily used thick fibers, hardened with synthetic resins. But she also worked with metals, stone and wood. Her pieces were disturbing and fascinating at the same time.

"Abakanowicz drew from the human lot of the 20th century, the lot of a man destroyed by the disasters of that century, a man who wants to be born anew,"

said Andrzej Szczerski, head of the National Museum in Krakow.

Her works include "War Games," featuring trunks of old trees turned into shapes evoking regret. They also include 20 "Walking Figures" in bronze, "Space of Stone" made of granite boulders and the "Unrecognized," a group of 112 cast iron figures.

Adam Myjak, rector of the Fine Arts Academy in Warsaw, told Polish PAP agency that Abakanowicz had died, and the academy confirmed that to The Associated Press.

She began her artistic career as a painter, but soon moved to making three-dimensional pieces from soft fabrics and fibers, works now known as "Abakans." That led her to larger, firm sculp-

ture forms to be arranged in natural surroundings.

Abakanowicz said it fascinated her to explore new techniques and to develop new forms.

"She showed that sculpture does not need to be in one block, that it can be a situation in space and that it can be made of fabrics," art critic Monika Branicka said.

Her works were shown around the world, including at the Metropolitan Museum in New York and the Tate Modern in London.

Culture Minister Piotr Glinski said her death was "sad news for Poland's culture."

Abakanowicz was born June 20, 1930, in Falenty, near Warsaw. After World War II, she studied at art



In this file photo taken Oct. 26, 2006, Polish sculptor Magdalena Abakanowicz stands before several of the 106 cast iron human figures, each nine feet tall, she created, as they were being installed in Chicago's Grant Park. Adam Myjak, the rector of Fine Arts Academy in Warsaw, Poland said on Friday, April 21, 2017, that Abakanowicz has died. She was 86-years-old.

schools and academies in Gdansk and the in Warsaw, where she settled for life. It was not immediately known when she would be buried.

'The Fate of the Furious' laps new films at box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"The Fate of the Furious" sped into first place at the box office again, leaving new thriller "Unforgettable" and historical drama "The Promise" in the dust.

Universal Pictures' eighth installment in "The Fast and the Furious" franchise earned \$38.7 million in North American theaters over the weekend, down 61 percent from its debut, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The newcomers could not compete with the high-octane film, which had the biggest worldwide opening of all time last weekend. It has earned \$908.4 million globally so far and is expected to cross \$1 billion this week.

Holdovers dominated the charts on this quiet weekend in theaters. "The Boss Baby" took second place with \$12.8 million, and "Beauty and the Beast" landed in third with \$10 million.

Disney's animal documentary "Born in China" opened in fourth place, with \$5.1 million from 1,508 locations. The two other new movies fared worse.



AP
This image released by Universal Pictures shows Dwayne Johnson in "The Fate of the Furious."

Warner Bros. thriller "Unforgettable," starring Katherine Heigl as a jealous ex-wife and Rosario Dawson as the new fiancée, opened at No. 7 with just \$4.8 million. Critics were tough on the film, and audiences gave it a deathly C CinemaScore rating.

The directorial debut of longtime producer Denise Di Novi cost only \$12 million to make, but the meager result still disappointed.

"Unfortunately, the movie just missed the intended audience,"

said Jeff Goldstein, Warner Bros.' president of domestic distribution. "We had higher expectations, and we're disappointed we didn't achieve them."

There is a silver lining for the studio. The buddy comedy "Going in Style," starring Morgan Freeman, Michael Caine and Alan Arkin, is chugging along after three weeks in theaters, taking fifth place with \$5 million.

Meanwhile, the historical epic "The Promise," starring Oscar Isaac and Christian Bale, bombed with a mere \$4.1 mil-

lion from 2,251 theaters.

The movie delves into the mass killings of Armenians in Ottoman Turkey that many countries and most historians call genocide. Turkey still denies genocide, saying the deaths stemmed from civil unrest and war.

It's not a surprise the film, which was estimated to cost around \$100 million to make, failed to gain traction, com-

Score senior media analyst Paul Dergarabedian said.

"It didn't really jump out as anything that would be a surprising box-office hit," Dergarabedian said. "But it wasn't really about the box office."

Made outside the studio system and distributed by Open Road Films, the point of "The Promise" was to raise awareness around a global event that many

know nothing about, he said.

Celebrities from Kim Kardashian West to Cher promoted the film on social media. Its makers said they will donate all proceeds to nonprofits and intend to use the PG-13-rated film as an education tool in schools.

"It was a tough weekend in general for the newcomers," Dergarabedian said, noting that many moviegoers are likely saving up for "Guardians of the Galaxy Vol. 2," which hits theaters May 5.

"It's a quiet period," he added. "This is the interlude between the spring movie season and what promises to be the biggest summer movie season ever."

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to comScore. Where available, the latest international numbers for Friday through Sunday are also included. Final domestic figures will be released Monday.

Bill O'Reilly to return with new podcast episode Monday

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Bill O'Reilly is back and ready to talk.

His personal website says the former Fox News host will air a new episode of his "No Spin News" podcast Monday evening.

Fox News Channel's parent company fired O'Reilly on Wednesday following an investigation into sexual harassment allegations by women. O'Reilly has called the allegations completely unfounded.

For two decades, O'Reilly and his show "The O'Reilly Factor" had been the linchpin of Fox News' success as the most visible and most watched



AP
In this Jan. 18, 2007 file photo, Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly appears on the Fox News show, "The O'Reilly Factor," in New York.

host. Many wondered what the future would hold for him. O'Reilly's podcast episode

will be available on his website to premium members at 7 p.m. EDT Monday.

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		8. "Ghost in the Shell," \$3.7 million.
		9. "Life," \$3.4 million.
		10. "A Chinese Odyssey Part Two: Cinderella," \$3 million.

Burt Reynolds makes rare public appearance at film festival

NEW YORK (AP)—Robert De Niro helped Burt Reynolds onto the red carpet for the Tribeca Film Festival premiere of his new movie "Dog Years" Saturday night in New York. It was a rare appearance for the 81-year old actor, who at times struggled to walk.

Reynolds was given a chair on the red carpet, so that he could speak to a limited number of press outlets about the film.

He was overjoyed at the turnout.

"Great to see Mr. De Niro, who I love, and ... you know, all

the people that I know," Reynolds said. "It's very sweet."

In the film, which is still shopping for distribution, Reynolds portrays an aging movie star who realizes his best days are behind him. The actor sees similarities in the character with his own life.

New house responsibilities put wife down in the dumps

DEAR ABBY: My husband decided to buy a house. I never wanted one and now I'm depressed.

I am thankful that my husband provides for the family and puts a roof over our heads, but now that we are in our house, my days are spent doing chores, yard work, and cleaning, cleaning and cleaning. This is why I never wanted the responsibility of a house. I don't have time for my family because I'm so busy maintaining this house I never wanted.

I have been distant from my husband because I secretly despise him for putting me in this position when he knew it wasn't what I wanted. Am I being selfish?

DON'T WANT THE RESPONSIBILITY

DEAR DON'T: Selfish? No. Passive-aggressive, yes. The problem with passive aggression is that the problem never gets resolved. If you feel you have too much on your shoulders, tell your husband how you are feeling so he can either help you with the chores, or hire someone to do the yard work and some of the cleaning.

DEAR ABBY: I love helping others, but I'm ready to quit every volunteer job I have. I'm tired of people who are not volunteers telling me I am doing my job wrong.

When you volunteer, you are given training on how to do your job. You drive to the site using your own gas, spend your time helping others, and a lot of times you spend your own money to obtain the supplies you need to do the job. I could be spending my time—and resources—doing things like shopping or getting my nails done.

Volunteers don't want to do all of that only to hear how we're not doing the job right, suggestions on how to do it better or complaints that we didn't do enough. I am so sick of people who delight in telling you that you're not doing enough. I can't save the world, but I can help one person each day. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.

SOUNDING OFF IN TEXAS

DEAR SOUNDING OFF: You're welcome. That's what I'm here for. I hope writing this has made you feel better. Now get back to work, because what you do is IMPORTANT.

DEAR ABBY: I am tattooed. I started getting inked when I was 22. I am now 31.

Recently, I decided to get an extensive design on my left arm. It will take four sessions to complete. The first session is scheduled on a Tuesday, not normally my day off. I can use PTO

DEAR ABBY

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hours to cover it, but what do I say when—and if—management notices my ink, puts two and two together, and realizes I took time off for this?

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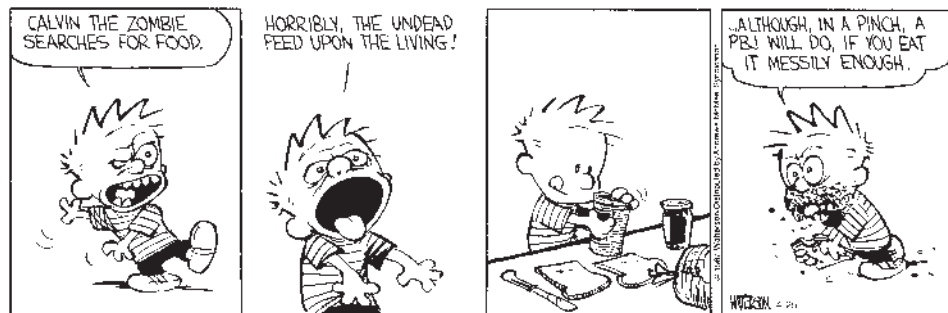
DEAR INKED: If that happens, you should tell the truth—that you took PTO for a personal errand. That's what personal/paid time off is for.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more sociable person, order "How to Be Popular." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for \$7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson



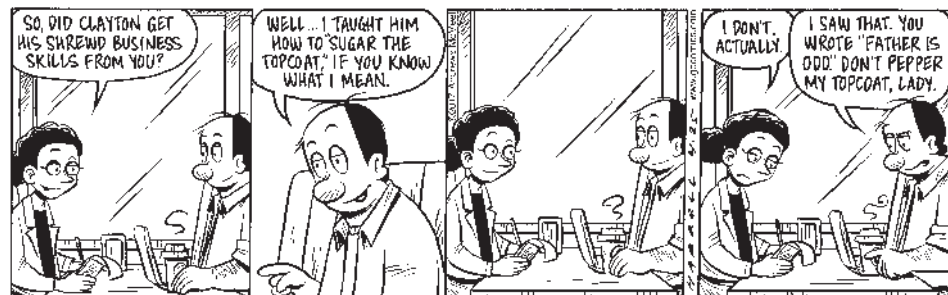
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Yesterday's answer 4-25

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jason Lee, 47; Renee Zellweger, 48; Hank Azaria, 53; Al Pacino, 77.

Happy Birthday: Making personal or professional changes are favored if you do so for the right reasons. Taking a risk or acting on hearsay is not recommended. Use this year to formulate your plan and put your strategy in place carefully. Don't leave any room for error and you won't be disappointed. Precision, accuracy and a steady pace will get you to the finish line. Your numbers are 6, 13, 22, 25, 30, 38, 46.

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By Dave Green

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IN RE THE GUARDIANSHIP OF Patrick Serman Malone An Incompetent)
FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 17-0119)
By: Reyna M. Saures Petitioner)
NOTICE OF HEARING)

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardianship for the above-named by Reyna M. Saures, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court and is open for review at the office of the Clerk of the said Court in Susupe, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Guma Hustisia Building, Susupe, Saipan, NMI, before the Associate Judge Perry B. Inos on the 4th day of May, 2017 at 10:30 A.M. or as soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
By: Deputy Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF APPOINTMENT OF A GENERAL GUARDIAN AND CUSTODIAN FOR

K.Z.D AND J.D.,
Minor Children,

By:

FU WEN ZHANG,
Petitioner.

FCD GU Civil Action
No. 17-0161

NOTICE OF HEARING

Date: May 18, 2017
Time: 10:30 a.m.
Judge: Hon. Kenneth L. Govendo

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, Fu Wen Zhang, has petitioned the above Court to appoint her as the general legal guardian and custodian of the minor children K.Z.D. AND J.D.

The hearing on this petition has been set before the Superior Court, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands for the 18th day of May, 2017 at 10:30a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

Any person who has objection to the petition may file his or her objection with the Superior Court at any time before the hearing, or may appear at the time set for hearing to present such objection or interest in the above-captioned matter.

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LeBron helps Cavs hold off Pacers, earn sweep into 2nd round



INDIANAPOLIS (AP)—LeBron James stuck to the old script Sunday.

Again, he bailed out the Cleveland Cavaliers. And again, he sent the Indiana Pacers home for vacation.

On yet another milestone day for basketball's king, James' crowning achievement was making the go-ahead 3-pointer with 1:08 to play and helping the defending champions hold on for a series-clinching 106-102 victory at Indiana.

"You have to mentally challenge yourself every year and go out and try to do what's right -- putting your body on the line, putting your team on the line and trying to be successful," James said. "It's very hard."

But the four-time MVP makes it look easy. He finished with 33 points, 10 rebounds, four assists, four steals and two blocks.

By winning his 21st consecutive first-round game, James broke a tie with Michael Cooper, Magic Johnson and James Worthy for the longest streak under the NBA's current playoff format. By sweeping a series for the 10th time, James broke a tie with Tim Duncan for the most in a career, according to Elias Sports Bureau. By going 13 of 25 from the field, he pulled into a tie with Kobe Bryant for the fourth highest postseason field goal total with 2,014.

And by holding on for the win, James improved to 52-0 in the playoffs when his team takes a double-digit lead into the fourth quarter.

James considered the milestones a footnote on a day the Cavs blew a 13-point lead and allowed the Pacers to come all the way back and take a 102-100 lead with 1:31 to go.

"They were giving it all they had," James said. "Obviously, a loss would have ended their season. We just had to weather



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) shoots against Indiana Pacers' Kevin Seraphin and Paul George (13) during the first half in Game 4 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Sunday, April 23, 2017, in Indianapolis.

Victor Oladipo had 15.

The Thunder again struggled when Westbrook rested in the second half, and Westbrook wasn't interested in explaining why. He took over a question directed at Adams and defended the team.

"Don't split us up," Westbrook said. "Don't try and split us up. Don't try to make us go against each other or make it 'Russell and the rest of the guys, Russell against Houston.' I don't want to hear that. We're in this together. We play as a team. That's all that matters."

Celtics 104, Bulls 95

In Chicago, Isaiah Thomas scored 33 points, and the Celtics beat the Bulls to tie their first-round playoff series at 2-all.

Boston blew a 20-point lead, but Thomas keyed a third-quarter run that put the Celtics back on top after Chicago briefly went ahead.

Gerald Green made four 3-pointers on his way to 18 points, helping the top-seeded Celtics return the favor in Chicago after dropping the first two games at home. Al Horford added 15 points and 12 rebounds.

Game 5 is Wednesday in Boston.

Jimmy Butler carried the Bulls with 33 points and nine assists.

Jazz 105, Clippers 98

In Salt Lake City, Joe Johnson scored 28 points, and the Jazz beat the Clippers to even their first-round playoff series at 2-all.

Johnson, who hit the winning shot in Game 1, scored 11 straight Jazz points during a crucial stretch in the fourth quarter, including a pull-up jumper for a 91-90 lead with 3:55 remaining after trailing by seven early in the period. The Clippers never led again after controlling the game for most of the night.

Rodney Hood and Joe Ingles also hit huge baskets for Utah down the stretch. The Jazz needed all the help they could get after Gordon Hayward left with food poisoning.

The series returns to Los Angeles for Game 5 on Tuesday night.

Chris Paul had 27 points, 12 assists and nine rebounds for Los Angeles, which played without Blake Griffin after he suffered a toe injury in Game 3.

the storm once again."

Of course that's when James took the cue and came to the rescue.

He made the long 3 to give Cleveland the lead, poked the ball away from Young on the next possession, grabbed the rebound when Paul George missed a 3 with 1.9 seconds to go that could have forced overtime and, of course, made 1 of 2 free throws to seal the win.

Now Cleveland takes a seven-game winning streak into the conference semifinals against either Milwaukee or Toronto.

For Indiana, it will go down

as yet another tormenting chapter in their rivalry with James.

James' teams have eliminated the Pacers four times in six years and completed the first-four game sweep in Indiana's NBA history. Cleveland finished the season 7-1 against the Pacers, winning the last four with a defensive stand, a rare 25-point game from three players, the largest second-half comeback in playoff history and now James' knock-out punch.

Lance Stephenson led the Pacers with 22 points. George had a series-low 15.

"It's real frustrating to con-

tinue on losing to the same team or same person," George said. "Ultimately, he (James) is who I'm always going to have to see and face."

Rockets 113, Thunder 109

In Oklahoma City, James Harden's shot was off, and one of the most unlikely players on Houston's roster came to the rescue.

Nene scored 28 points on perfect shooting from the field, and the Rockets beat the Oklahoma City to take a 3-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

The 6-foot-11 center from

Brazil made all 12 of his shots and had 10 rebounds. It was an impressive performance from a reserve who averaged about nine points per game in the regular season.

"He puts the work in," Harden said. "He's a true vet. He's in the weight room. He's doing all the proper things to get his body and his mind right to go out there and compete at a high level every single night. Tonight, it paid off."

Harden finished with 16 points on 5-for-16 shooting, but he had other help, too. Eric Gordon and Lou Williams each scored 18 points, and Trevor Ariza finished with 14.

Houston can close out the series Tuesday at home.

"That's what a team is for," Harden said. "It's not just one guy. I've believed in trusting these guys all year long. We say it every game that it's not going to be just one or two guys that win this game. On different nights, it's going to be different guys that step up. That was the case tonight."

Oklahoma City star Russell Westbrook had a triple-double by halftime and finished with 35 points, 14 rebounds and 14 assists. The Thunder said Westbrook joined Wilt Chamberlain as the only players to claim three consecutive playoff triple-doubles.

Steven Adams scored 18 points for Oklahoma City, and

Franco, Singh shoot course record to win Legends of Golf



RIDGEDALE, Mo. (AP)—Carlos Franco and Vijay Singh teamed to shoot a course-record 12-under par on Sunday to rally from seven shots behind and win the PGA Tour Champions' Bass Pro Shops Legends of Golf at Big Cedar Lodge.

Franco and Singh finished at 15 under overall over the rain-shortened 36-hole tournament at the par-3 Top of the Rock course, holding off a trio of teams that finished a stroke back.

The win is the first on the PGA Tour Champions for

Singh, and it's the second for Franco.

Among those who finished at 14 under were first-round leaders Jeff Sluman and Fred Funk, the winners of the tournament in 2014. The duo opened the tournament with a then-course record 10 under on Saturday and finished tied for second with the teams of Paul Goydos and Kevin Sutherland and Corey Pavin and Duffy Waldorf.

After heavy rain washed out Friday's opening round and cold and misty conditions plagued Saturday, the weather cleared on Sunday—much

to the delight of Franco and Singh.

Playing nine holes of modified alternate shot and nine of better ball, the two began the day seven shots behind Sluman and Funk. However, they opened with seven birdies on their opening nine and finished the course-record 42 with birdies on four of their final five holes, including the 18th.

"I love playing with Carlos," Singh said. "I've known him for a long time, and if it wasn't for him, I wouldn't be here, so I'd like to thank Carlos."

Pavin had a 15-foot putt on the 18th that would have tied

for the lead, but it stayed left of the hole.

Sluman birdied the 17th for a fifth birdie in a row for him and Funk to close with in a shot of the lead. However, Funk narrowly missed a lengthy birdie putt on the 18th, and Sluman's shot from just off the green came up well short to secure the victory for Franco and Singh.

"I (came) in unprepared this week, because I know my partner is a strong player," Franco said. "He gave me big help this week, and I gave him a bit of help, too, and I'm so happy."

Machado in center of bad blood as Red Sox beat Orioles



BALTI-MORE
(AP)—A spikes-

high slide. A near beanball. Harsh talk in the clubhouse.

The rivalry between the Boston Red Sox and Baltimore Orioles soared to a new level over the weekend, and there's no telling what might happen when they soon meet again.

A tempestuous three-game series between these AL East foes wound up with Orioles star Manny Machado seeing a fastball sail behind his head and Matt Barnes getting ejected for throwing it Sunday in Boston's 6-2 victory.

The high, very inside pitch came two days after Machado spiked Red Sox second baseman Dustin Pedroia with an aggressive slide.

Pedroia watched from the dugout for a second straight day with knee and ankle injuries. Machado apologized with a text message on Friday night, but that evidently wasn't the end of it.

"That's on them," Machado said. "Whatever happened today, I'm going to keep (being) me."

When Machado batted in the sixth inning, Eduardo Rodriguez threw three pitches down and in near the knees. Machado came up again in the eighth and Barnes' fastball whizzed behind Machado and hit his bat. The ball hit Machado and rolled foul, and plate umpire Andy Fletcher tossed Barnes.

"I would never intentionally throw at someone's head. That's kind of a line you don't cross," Barnes said.

Boston manager John Farrell—who on Saturday called the league office to discuss about what he called "an illegal slide" by Machado—insisted Barnes' wayward pitch was nothing more than an accident.

"He was trying to take a four-seamer in and above his hands and the pitch got away from him," Farrell said.

But Orioles first baseman Chris Davis thought the fastball was intentionally directed at Machado's head.

"I think it was completely obvious," Davis said. "I haven't seen a guy miss that bad in a while—behind a guy's head."

Nationals 6, Mets 3

In New York, Daniel Murphy hit a grand slam against his former team, Max Scherzer pitched eight fiery innings and the Nationals earned their seventh straight victory.

Ryan Zimmerman added a two-run homer for the Nationals, who completed



Boston Red Sox shortstop Xander Bogaerts, center, jumps to avoid Baltimore Orioles' Jonathan Schoop after forcing him out while turning a double play on a ground ball by J.J. Hardy to end the eighth inning of a baseball game in Baltimore, Sunday, April 23, 2017.

a three-game sweep of the short-handed Mets in the first series this season between the NL East rivals.

Rangers 5, Royals 2

In Arlington, Yu Darvish pitched eight innings in his longest outing since elbow surgery two years ago and the Rangers scored the tying and go-ahead runs without a hit, completing a four-game sweep.

The Japanese right-hander retired 15 of 16 batters after giving up three consecutive hits in the third. Two of those were back-to-back drives from Mike Moustakas and Jorge Bonifacio, whose first big league homer came two innings after he singled for his first career hit.

Rockies 8, Giants 0

In Denver, Kyle Freeland scattered six hits over seven sharp innings, Gerardo Parra hit a two-run homer and the Rockies finished off their first three-game sweep of the Giants at Coors Field since 2002.

Freeland (2-1) mixed a wicked sinker with a two-seam fastball to get 12 groundouts and three strikeouts. The Denver native also shattered three bats on a day when the Giants changed their lineup to try to break out of a hitting funk. It didn't

work as they lost for the sixth time in seven games. At 6-13, they're off to their worst start since 1983.

Blue Jays 6, Angels 2

In Anaheim, Marcus Stroman pitched a seven-hitter for Toronto, and Devon Travis hit a go-ahead, two-run homer during a four-run eighth inning.

Stroman (2-2) survived a rocky ninth by inducing a game-ending double play in his third career complete game—and his second in 12 days.

Albert Pujols delivered a run-scoring single for the Angels in the third inning shortly after Toronto manager John Gibbons' ejection.

Mariners 11, Athletics 1

In Oakland, Nelson Cruz homered and drove in five runs for Seattle, and Taylor Motter hit his first career grand slam.

Yovani Gallardo (1-2) pitched into the seventh for his first win with the Mariners, who ended a three-game losing streak and won for only the second time in 11 road games.

Oakland had won five in a row.

Reds 7, Cubs 5

In Cincinnati, Bronson Arroyo pitched six innings of three-hit ball, and Cincinnati salvaged the finale of the weekend set.

The 40-year-old Arroyo (2-

2) allowed Anthony Rizzo's two-run homer -- his third of the series -- and struck out seven batters for the first time since May 13, 2014. The lanky right-hander has needed more than two years to recover from Tommy John surgery.

Raisel Iglesias gave up a pair of runs in the ninth before finishing off the Reds' 3-7 homestand.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 2

In Phoenix, Brandon McCarthy gave Los Angeles a much-needed strong start, Yasmani Grandal homered in a six-run fifth inning and the Dodgers averted a sweep.

After scoring 24 runs in the first two games of the series, the Diamondbacks managed only a two-run homer for Paul Goldschmidt in the first. McCarthy (3-0) allowed five hits in seven innings.

Arizona's Shelby Miller (2-2) threw four shutout innings before walking the first two batters and giving up an RBI double to Corey Seager in the fifth.

Astros 6, Rays 4, 10 innings

In St. Petersburg, Brian McCann and Yuli Gurriel hit RBI singles in the 10th inning, and Houston rallied for the road win.

Carlos Beltran opened the 10th by drawing a walk from Ryan Garton (0-1). He advanced to second on Jose Altuve's single and reached third on Carlos Correa's fly to center. McCann then singled him home, and Gurriel's two-out single made it 6-4 Astros.

Luke Gregerson (1-1) pitched the ninth for the win and Ken Giles got three outs for his fifth save.

Phillies 5, Braves 2

In Philadelphia, Cesar Hernandez, Aaron Altherr and Odubel Herrera hit consecutive homers in the eighth, helping Philadelphia complete a three-game sweep.

Joey Rodriguez (1-0) got two outs in the eighth to earn the win and Hector Neris finished with a shaky ninth. Neris allowed one run and left the bases loaded.

The Phillies have won five of six to even their record at 9-9.

Pirates 2, Yankees 1

In Pittsburgh, the Pirates' Ivan Nova gained a measure of revenge over his old team, limiting the Yankees to just four hits over seven innings.

Nova (2-2) struck out a season-high seven and walked just one, his lone mistake a home run by Jacoby Ellsbury in the seventh. Tony Watson picked up his sixth save after working out of a bases loaded,

one-out jam in the ninth.

Andrew McCutchen reached base twice and scored on a double by Gregory Polanco off New York's Jordan Montgomery (1-1).

White Sox 6, Indians 2

In Chicago, Melky Cabrera drove in a pair of runs, Derek Holland tossed six strong innings and the White Sox busted out of an offensive funk.

Avisail Garcia and Leury Garcia each added run-scoring hits for Chicago, which managed a total of six hits in the first two games of the series. The win snapped a three-game skid.

Francisco Lindor homered for Cleveland, which had won five in a row. Danny Salazar (1-2) allowed four runs and seven hits in five innings.

Tigers 13, Twins 4

In Minneapolis, John Hicks had three hits, including his first career homer, and drove in five runs to lead Michael Fulmer and Detroit to the road win.

One day after the benches cleared when Tigers starter Matthew Boyd threw behind slugger Miguel Sano in retaliation for teammate JaCoby Jones being hit in the face, there was no sign of lingering hard feelings.

Cardinals 6, Brewers 4

In Milwaukee, Mike Leake pitched six effective innings and drove in two runs, leading St. Louis to its sixth win in seven games.

Leake (3-1) gave up two runs and three hits. He scored in the third inning and his two-run single capped a three-run fourth.

The Cardinals took advantage of six walks by Jimmy Nelson (1-1) and an error by the Brewers for their first four runs.

Marlins 7, Padres 3

In San Diego, Justin Bour capped Miami's six-run sixth inning with a three-run homer.

The first six Marlins batters reached and scored in the sixth, helping Tom Koehler (1-1) to his first win of the season.

San Diego's Luis Perdomo came off the disabled list and shut down the Marlins through five before hitting the wall in the sixth. Martin Prado hit a leadoff single, Christian Yelich walked and Giancarlo Stanton hit an RBI single to chase Perdomo.

Craig Stammen (0-1) came on and allowed Marcell Ozuna's RBI double just past the glove of first baseman Wil Myers and J.T. Realmuto's RBI single to left before Bour hit a no-doubter to right.

Messi gets 500th career goal for Barca in 3-2 win vs Madrid

MADRID (AP)—Lionel Messi scored his 500th career goal for Barcelona to give the Catalan club a dramatic 3-2 win in injury time against 10-man Real Madrid in the “clasico” on Sunday, leaving the Spanish league title race wide open.

Messi netted his milestone goal—his second of the night—with a low left-foot shot from inside the area after

a cross by Jordi Alba two minutes into stoppage time.

That goal left the two rivals level at the top on 75 points. Barcelona leads on the head-to-head tiebreaker but Madrid has six games left—one more than Barcelona.

It was the second consecutive win by Barcelona at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium, coming after a 4-0 rout last season that put Madrid in cri-

sis and eventually led to the replacement of coach Rafa Benitez by Zinedine Zidane.

This year’s victory could keep Madrid from winning the league title for the first time since 2012, and give the Catalan club its third straight La Liga trophy.

“We can’t be happy,” Zidane said. “When you don’t put the game away, things like this can happen. We are disappointed because we didn’t deserve to lose.”

It was another outstanding performance by Messi, who played part of the game with a bloodied mouth after colliding with Madrid left back Marcelo’s elbow.

“He is the best player in history,” Barcelona coach Luis Enrique said of Messi. “He makes the difference.”

Messi’s winner at the Bernabeu came after Sergi Roberto made a great run from Barcelona’s defense, leading to Alba’s low pass across the area as Messi came charging to one-touch the ball into the corner past the diving Keylor Navas.

Messi’s first goal came after he got past Luka Modric and Dani Carvajal with a run inside the area after picking up a pass by Ivan Rakitic outside the box in the 33rd.

Messi is the all-time leading scorer in the clasico with 23 goals.

He has scored 14 goals in his last 10 league matches, and is the competition’s lead-



AP
Barcelona’s Lionel Messi, left, is challenged by Real Madrid’s Marcelo during a Spanish La Liga soccer match, dubbed ‘el clasico’, at the Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid, Spain, Sunday, April 23, 2017.

redirected a cross by Marcelo only three minutes after he had entered the match to replace Karim Benzema.

“We weren’t smart after we equalized,” Zidane said. “We thought we could score the third goal, but it’s dangerous to press up front when you are playing with 10 men.”

Navas made three remarkable saves in the second half alone—on a close-range header by Gerard Pique, a shot by Luis Suarez and another strike by Pique.

Barcelona’s Marc-Andre ter Stegen also came up with big stops, including a header by Benzema and a shot by Marco Asensio.

“It was a match between two teams that went for the victory,” Luis Enrique said. “Either one could have won it.”

Cristiano Ronaldo had a few good chances but was not able to capitalize on them.

Madrid forward Gareth Bale, who was doubtful before the game, came off the field injured again in the 39th.

Ramos left the pitch exchanging words with Pique, adding to the ongoing spat between the veteran Spain defenders.

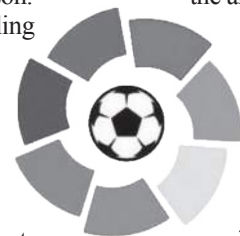
ing scorer with 31 goals, seven more than teammate Luis Suarez. The Argentine playmaker has 47 goals with Barcelona in 46 games this season.

It was a thrilling match at the Bernabeu, with the teams attacking from the start and giving both goalkeepers plenty of work.

Casemiro had put the hosts ahead from close range after Sergio Ramos struck the post in the 28th. After equalizing five minutes

later, Messi also helped set up Barcelona’s go-ahead goal by Rakitic in the 73rd, a powerful left-footed shot from outside the area.

Ramos was sent off with a straight red card in the 77th after a foul on Messi to stop the playmaker from a one-on-one situation in a breakaway. Despite that, Madrid still found the strength to equalize in the 85th with substitute James Rodriguez. He



Attorneys review applications for ‘Las Vegas Raiders’ name



LAS VEGAS (AP)—A handful of people paid up to \$275 for the “Las Vegas Raiders” trademark when news of the team’s potential move from Oakland surfaced in January 2016. The filings have shed light on a trademark system that gives priority to the first people to submit applications, regardless of the validity of their claims.

The applications for the various uses of the Las Vegas Raiders name put in by the team in August are still in limbo as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office evaluates earlier applications for the name, The Las Vegas Sun reported.

Air-freight company owner Lane Blue, a Las Vegas clothing company owner, a Houston pain management doctor and a Boston gym owner are among those who applied for the trademark.

Blue, whose bid was denied by the federal government, said his goal was to stop the team from moving. “If I own the trademark that’s worth possibly millions of dollars, maybe I can talk them into staying,” said Blue, who is from Fresno, California.

For Ross Notaroberto, the gym owner, applying for the trademark was done “out of boredom, really.”

“I really didn’t have many intentions,” Notaroberto said. “I would’ve been happy with a couple of tickets to a game.”

Patrick Jennings, a sports trademark attorney, said it is nearly impossible to acquire a trademark for a brand such as the Raiders, but the other applicants could delay the process for the team.

“These people think they’re going to cash in, and 99.9 percent of the time, they’re wrong,” said Jennings, with Pillsbury Winthrop Shaw Pittman LLP in Washington, D.C. “For a trademark lawyer, it doesn’t take much effort to knock those (applications) out separate from the patent and trademark office.”

The Raiders need the formal trademark in order to create merchandise and materials with the team name. The team could wait to let the trademark office deny misleading claims to the Las Vegas Raiders name or pursue the applicants more aggressively by filing a letter of protest with the office or contacting the applicants directly.

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dal towed the Blue Jays to victory after going 4-for-6 at bat and scoring three runs. Russell Hocog, James Benavente, Ben Flores, Davy Matagolai, and Chris George also helped the Blue Jays’ cause, contributing one RBI each.

The Blue Jays were behind, 0-2, after two complete innings, but managed to recover and grab the lead as they scored in the next six innings.

Titanium was also without a run in the first two innings of its game against the Chalan Kanoa Bears last Wednesday, but was able to find its rhythm later to stun the defending champion.

A RBI single from Nathan

Camacho at the bottom of the third broke the ice for Titanium, which tamed the Bears in the first five innings. The Bears then tied the match at the top of the sixth as Marvin Kaipat reached off a Titanium error, however the latter countered with four runs at the bottom to regain the upper hand and kept it to gain win No. 4.

The Bears missed as chance to extend the game when their two runners were left stranded at first and third base as Titanium booted out the defending champion’s last three batters. Nathan Camacho caught an infield fly from A.J. Lizama, while Jon Cabrera also grabbed a fly from Jose Lizama at centerfield. The Bears’ Kiku Lizama was called for a fly out too earlier for the first out.

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podium. Hocog was the runner-up after firing a net 73.8 (105 gross minus the 31.2 handicap), while Onoue finished third with her 74.2 (91 gross and 16.8 handicap).

Meanwhile, the champions in other divisions were A Flight’s Yong Jao Kim, B Flight’s Patrick Guerrero, C Flight’s Scott Berkland, and Senior Flight’s Joe “Kamikaze” Camacho.

The 4.8 handicapper Cama-

cho had the best gross in the entire tournament with his 3-over par 75 and his net 70.2 topped the 15-player Senior Flight. Dennis Williams and Eun Teack Jung claimed the runner-up honors with the former ranked second after recording a net 72.8 and the latter third with his 74.6.

In the crowded C Flight, which drew 62 participants, Berkland stood out with his net 67, thanks to a 40 handicap that was deducted from his gross score of 107. Albert Pajarillaga (net 68.2) and Joa-

quin Deleon Guerrero (68.6) joined Berkland in the Top 3.

In the A Flight, the podium finishers all scored lower than 70. Kim posted a gross 83 and with his 16.8 handicap, he ended up with a net 66.2. Enoch Lim also registered a gross 83, but his 14.4 handicap gave him a net 68.6 for the runner-up honors, while William Retardo took the third seat with his net 69.8 (89 gross score minus 19.2 handicap).

In the B Flight, the Top 3 winners also had net scores

in the 60s with Guerrero tallying 69.4 for a close win against Edgar Abalos (69.6). Danny Son matched Abalos’ net score, but dropped to third place after losing in the scorecard tiebreak.

Proceeds from last weekend’s tournament will be donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation, Kagman High School Million Dollar Club, Marianas Behavioral Health International, Karidat, Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, and the Northern Marianas Humanities Council.

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ley’s Football Club (6-0-0) and ahead of MP United (2-2-0), Paire (0-3-3), and Kanoa (0-1-6).

Hodge’s goal was Kagman’s sixth in the season and with the team shutting down Kanoa, the winning squad has only given up five in the competition so far.

The division-leading Shirley’s has the most goals with 18, as it added three to its tally last Sunday after defeating Paire. Jaibelle Nelmidia, Marilou Arriola, and Lillian Podziewski scored for Shirley’s in the final game last weekend.

Podziewski came back from her stint with the CNMI U15 Girls National Team in the EAFF U15 Girls Tournament 2017 held at the Jinshan Sports Center in Shanghai, China last week and handed Shirley’s a goal in the 38th minute. Seventh minutes earlier, it was Arriola who lit up the board for Shirley’s, while Nelmidia gave the squad a 1-0 halftime lead after finding the back of the net in the eighth minute.

With Shirley’s blanking Paire, the former has yet to yield a single goal this season, while the latter has made only two and allowed eight.

Meanwhile, MP United-TanHoldings prevailed against Shirley’s FC, 5-1, in the lone Division A game played last weekend.

Gillian Villagomez and Chloe Salvosa knocked in two goals apiece for MP United-TanHoldings, while Brittany Wally chipped in one. Villagomez started things out for MPU-TanHoldings with his shot in the fifth minute, while Salvosa also hit her target early with her goal in the ninth minute.

Marielle Gariguez gave Shirley’s its only goal in the 19th minute to cut the deficit to one, but MP United-TanHoldings got the goal back, thanks to Brittany’s conversion in the 28th minute. MP United-TanHoldings went to

add two more goals to its total with Villagomez getting her second goal in the 44th minute and Salvosa doing the same two minutes later.

After the easy victory, MP United-TanHoldings now has a 3-1-3 record for second place in the team standings, while Shirley’s is still at the cellar with its 0-2-6. Paire remains on top with its 6-1-0 slate, while Kanoa (3-0-3) is ranked third.

Paire and Kanoa were supposed to play in last Sunday’s first match in Division A, however both parties agreed to reschedule the game as neither team had enough players to start the duel.

EAFF U15 Girls Tournament 2017

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The CNMI Girls U15 National Team's starting 11 pose for a photo before playing against Jinshan during the EAFF U15 Girls Tournament 2017 held last week at the Jinshan Sports Center in Shanghai, China.



The CNMI Girls U15 National Team officials pose for a photo before the squad's game against Mongolia.



CNMI goalie Theresa Toves does warm-up drills facilitated by assistant coach Jimmy Tang.



The CNMI players join the parade of teams.



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, standing left, joins the CNMI Girls U15 National Team players and officials for a group photo during the awards ceremony for the EAFF event.



The CNMI's Jerlyn Castillo, third left, shows the plaque awarded to the squad and is joined in the photo by Northern Mariana Islands Football Association president Jerry Tan, fourth left.



CNMI team captain Julianne Hall, second left, is joined in the photo by game officials and her counterpart with Chinese-Taipei.



Officials and representatives of the squads that competed in the EAFF U15 Girls Tournament 2017 are introduced during the awards ceremony.



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Vince Cepeda practices his pitching skills before suiting up for Go See Mark in their first round game against the Comets in the 2017 Saipan Baseball League at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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Go See Mark stays on course for a perfect record in the regular season of the 2017 Saipan Baseball League following another win last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

GSM downed the Comets last Thursday, 9-6, for the former's 11th victory in as many games—just three triumphs away from a sweep in the two-round robin elimination. The league-leading squad was gunning for win No. 12 last night against the defending champion Chalan Kanoa Bears, while GSM's last two matches will be versus the BSI Aces (May 4) and the D-9ers (May 10).

A five-run inning at the bottom of the first gave GSM the driver's seat and it protected its lead after shutting down the Comets in the last three innings. GSM got two runs off the Comets' errors, one each



off a wild pitch and fielder's choice, while Ricardo Dela Cruz gave the former's its fifth run when he reached off Pat Alepuyo's sacrifice fly.

GSM then added two more runs in the fourth inning and one each in the sixth and seventh, while the Comets had only two in the first inning and one apiece in the third and fourth. Two more runs at the top of the sixth inning kept the Comets in the game. However, the Comets fell short in the end after going 1-2-3 in the seventh and ninth and finishing the eighth with two runners stranded as GSM closer Kevin Kapileo got the third out after fanning out the for-

mer's fourth batter.

Diego Camacho, Anthony Tenorio, and Tyrone Omar scored two runs each in GSM's victory over the Comets.

In other results last week, the Blue Jays finally broke

into the win column after going 0-9 following their 8-5 triumph against the D-9ers last Tuesday.

Shortstop Virgil Secharmi-

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Kagman nips Kanoa in Dove women's league

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Kagman notched its third win in Division B of the 2017 Dove Women's Spring League after nosing out Kanoa Football Club, 1-0, last Sunday at the Chacha Oceanview Middle School Field.



Britanny Hodge scored the lone goal in the match in the 24th minute to help Kagman remain at the top half of the team standings in their division. Kagman is in second place with its 3-0-2 win-draw-loss record, behind the undefeated Shir-

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Kagman, right, and Kanoa players fight for the ball during the first half of their Division B game in the 2017 Dove Women's Spring League last Sunday at the Chacha Oceanview Middle School Field.

Junior golfer leads winners in Hyatt tournament

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Junior golfer Dong Young Lee topped the Championship Flight

in the 21st Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic held last Saturday at the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort.

Lee was the runaway winner in the six-player field after scoring a net 64.6. He posted the third best gross in his division at 7-over par 79 and had a handicap of 14.4, making him the only player in the Championship Flight to register a net score lower than 70. His net score was also the best in the entire competition.

The junior golfer, who just

last month ruled the NMC golf tournament at the same venue, defeated veterans Freddie Cataluna (net 72), Guam's Daryl Poe (72.8), Joung Hoon Park (73.6) and Seung San Choi (74), and Laolao instructor Harry Nakamura (74.6).

In the Ladies Flight, Lorraine Babauta lorded it over 14 other female players after carding a net 73.8. The 7.2 handicapper shot a gross 81—which was the best in the division, tying Yuko Togawa. The former champion Togawa missed the Top 3 as she landed at No. 6 after logging a net 76.2, while Matilde Hocog and Shiori Onoue joined Babauta in the

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Championship Flight winner Dong Young Lee, left, is joined by Miss Marianas Peachy Quitugua during the awards presentation in the 21st Hyatt Regency Saipan Charity Golf Classic held last Saturday at the hotel's pool side.